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The staff of Changes gets a helping hand on their opening day at the four corners in Madoc. Changes is a women's only fitness centre that focusses on circuit training.
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Farmers seek candidates' positions

Now that Ontario Premier Ernie Eves has set October 2nd as the date for the next provincial election, Ontario farmers and their organizations are moving full speed ahead to explore the agricultural policies of the various parties.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), at its August Board of Directors' meeting, provided local federation leaders with kits to prepare them for the next election. Those kits contained an analysis of party positions on issues key to agriculture and the economy of rural Ontario.

"OFA believes every resident of Ontario has a stake in the future of the province's economy, and encourages farmers to play an active role in the coming election campaign," says President Ron Bonnett. "Agriculture plays an important part in the life of

rural Ontario families should be involved in how decisions are made by the people who make them. County and federations are looking to organize meetings at the local levels to provide a forum for farmers to express their views to candidates representing various parties. The OFA of party platform and a useful document to develop questions to ask candidates at these Bonnett says.

The analysis of everything from growth to management, air quality, and land safety and health. Education in rural areas is another key issue and rural families are looking for everything from accessibility.

OFA is a not-for-profit general farm organization representing the interests of 40,000 farm families in the province. "We want to hear from the issues of the industry with the each party's election campaign decision, and vote for the candidate of the Bonnett says.

Traffic blitz yields 230 charges

Speeder stopped by same officer at 150 km/h, then 117 km/h

Central Hastings OPP detachment conducted a major traffic blitz during the holiday weekend, starting on Thursday and ending Monday. The officers targeted Highways 37, 62 and 7 within the detachment area. The OPP are responsible for Highway 62

and 37 starting at the 401 and north to the boundary with Bancroft/OPP. Officers were concentrating on aggressive driving and speeding during the blitz. The blitz is one of several traffic initiatives planned during this year and outlined in the detachment 2003 Business Plan.

The initiative involved up to ten officers being assigned to the highways to strictly enforce the speeding laws and deal with other types of aggressive driving on the three highways. Central Hastings officers were assisted by a six-member RIDE team

assigned to OPP East Region Headquarters. Members utilized both marked and unmarked cruisers, each equipped with the latest in technology radar equipment including laser technology.

A total of 230 charges were laid during the weekend. These statistics

include 216 speeding charges and 14 charges under various sections of the Highway Traffic Act including careless driving, seat belt sections and following too closely. Three radar detectors were seized and charges laid.

One driver was stopped for travelling 150 km/h in an 80 km/h zone on Highway 37 and charged by an officer. The driver left and was stopped later in the same evening by the same officer travelling at 117 km/h in the 80 km/h zone.

Sergeant Ken Salisbury advised that the detachment is "committed to address aggressive driving within the detachment area, especially the speeding issue on Highways 37, 62, and 7. This is the second of several initiatives to be carried out during the upcoming months and we will continue to assign traffic management officers to patrol these highways on a regular basis."

Farm, cattle groups want quick resolution of allegations

Allegations related to Aylmer Meat Packers have dealt the beef industry another blow during the worst crisis in Canadian agricultural history. Beef farmers are already struggling to survive the BSE situation which is costing Ontario producers about \$4 million per week.

Speaking about the current investigation involving Aylmer Meat

Packers, Ron Wooddisse, president of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, said, "Farmers rely on consumer confidence and we've appreciated the incredible support shown by our consumers during the BSE crisis. Any act that would erode this confidence is both irresponsible and reprehensible." Wooddisse added that beef produced in Ontario has always enjoyed

a good reputation, earned over the years by Ontario's 21,000 beef producers and others in the food chain.

Ron Bonnett, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture said, "If the investigation shows illegal activity outside of the inspection system, we hope and expect that there will be severe consequences."

All meat - whether it be in provincial or federal

plants - must be inspected and both organizations have complete confidence in Ontario's meat inspection system. According to recent statistics, inspection hours in this province have actually increased by more than ten per cent since 1995. Said Wooddisse, "This case has

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Ontario Provincial Police

Man injured

On the 30th of August at approximately 1 AM, Central Hastings officers were called to a residence of St. Peters Street, in the Village of Madoc, regarding a fight.

Officers attended and learned that a 42-year-old male had attended the St. Peters Street residence, uninvited and confronted the resident inside. The male then left the residence, and another confrontation occurred outside of the residence. The owner of the

residence struck the male in the head with a golf club, causing injury.

As a result of the investigation Mark Booth (42) of Madoc Township was arrested and charged with unlawfully entering a dwelling house and assault.

He was released from custody, and is to appear in Belleville Court on the 16th of October.

Rodney Bradshaw (24) of Madoc was arrested and charged assault with a weapon. He was released from custody, and is to

appear in Belleville Court on the 9th of October.

Weapons Seized

On the 30th of August Central Hastings officers received information about a Tweed man being in possession of illegal weapons.

As a result of the investigation Roger Barker (29) of Tweed was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of prohibited weapons, and two counts of carrying a concealed

weapon. Several knives were seized. Barker was released from custody, and is to appear in Belleville Court on the 16th of October.

ATV Accident

On the 31st of August a Madoc woman was driving an all terrain vehicle on private property north of Tweed, when the vehicle hit a rock and rolled onto the 6-year-old passenger.

The child, with unknown injuries, was transported to Belleville General Hospital by family members.

Madoc Library news

If you haven't been into the Library lately, you might want to come and see some of the new titles on the shelves.

Fiction

The Hemingway Capers—Eric Wright; The Sinner—Tess Gerritsen; The Teeth of the Tiger—Tom Clancy; Man of War—Alexander Kent; The Continuation of Love by Other Means—Claudia Casper; Blindside—

Catherine Coulter; River of the Brokenhearted—David Adams Richards; Da Vinci Code—Dan Brown.

Non fiction

The Green Labyrinth—Sylvia Fraser; Fingerfood—Elsa Petersen Schepelern; Jane Austen—Carol Shields; Kingfisher Days—Susan Coyne.

Stay tuned! Beginning in October story-time for pre-

school children will commence on Saturday mornings from 11-11:30 am. run by Julie Bowen. We would like to thank Julie for her generosity of spirit for running and managing the summer program for us. The children had a great time due to Julie's creative abilities. The Library will also be offering an introductory internet course on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. beginning Oct. 2. Also a reminder to anyone who cannot get out of the house for medical reasons—please call the library at 473-4456—we have a shut-in service! We will select books for you and have them delivered and picked up once a month. The Library is a vibrant and active place in Madoc. Make sure you drop in and see us!

If you have news of an upcoming event you would like the community to know about, please call the editor's pager at 967-3155 and leave a message.

Stuart Hamilton to host fundraiser

CBC Radio's Stuart Hamilton will be this year's master of ceremonies for Operatic Gems, Choirs Ontario's first annual fundraiser celebrating programs and services that support the performance training of young people and their future national and international singing careers. The gala black-tie concert event takes place on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at 7:30 pm at Grace Church on the Hill, Toronto.

Stuart Hamilton hosts Saturday Afternoon at the

Opera on CBC Radio Two. Hamilton is the Founder and Artistic Director Emeritus of Toronto's highly successful series, Opera in Concert, which is currently celebrating its twenty-fifth season.

Well known as a vocal coach and accompanist, he has appeared throughout North America and Europe with many of Canada's leading singers including Lois Marshall and Maureen Forrester. As a soloist, he has played concerts across Canada, in New York and

London, England.

Stuart Hamilton was the first Music Director of the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble. He appears regularly for the Canadian Opera Company and the CBC as lecturer and commentator and is currently the quizmaster for CBC's Saturday Afternoon at the Opera. As well, he has appeared as a panelist on the Opera Quiz from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. He is in regular demand as a judge for competitions such as the

CBC Young Performers' Competition, Opera America Auditions, the Sullivan Foundation Awards, the Oralla Domínguez Competition in Mexico and the George London Foundation Awards.

In 1984 Hamilton was awarded the Order of Canada for his outstanding contribution to the musical life of Canada and in 1989 won the Toronto Arts Award in the Performing Arts Category. He is also the recipient of the Governor General's Award.



The campaign begins: Leona Dombrowsky, the incumbent Liberal, is off and running, shown here with Garry Bateman at his home in Madoc.

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Cruise Nights fund Sk8boarders

by Nancy Derr

Marmora - The Sk8boarders put together winning fundraisers this summer by hosting Cruise Nights on Forsyth Street four Thursday nights in August. The first night, 17 classic cars were attracted and the number grew to 52 in week three and the same August 28, the last night. Cars came from as far away as Bancroft, Bowmanville, To-

ronto and Erinsville to take part. Crowds of people of all ages toured the cars, visited with friends and generally had a good time walking down the middle of the street.

Hot on the heels of this success, the students have learned that two or three farmers will donate pumpkins; all the students have to do is sell them and put

the money in the bank.

Each Cruise Night, about 20 students have been working, reports Councillor Cathy Jones. They sold popcorn, hot dogs, gave away door prizes and ran a 50-50 draw.

The final amount is still being tallied and should be known next week. It is anticipated that the paving will be completed this week.



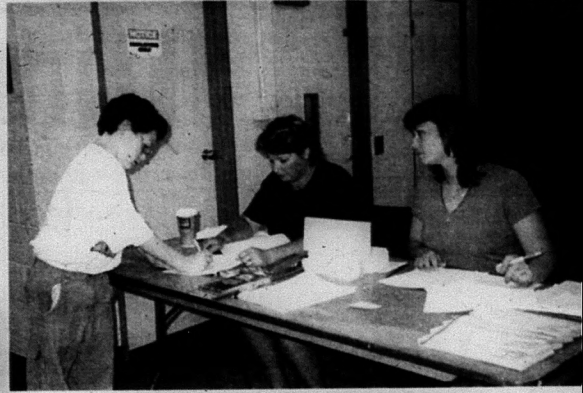
Chris McMillan, Matt Guindon, Branden Minns, Anthony Tapper and Stephen Ferguson are four of the teens that helped organize Cruise Nights in order to raise funds for the Sk8board park.



Bruce Wilks from cottage country north of Havelock brought his 1947 Ford Coupe to the last Marmora Cruise Night. He also has a Model A Roadster that is currently in pieces in his garage. Bruce admits he's 'played around' with old cars since he was a teenager; his first car was a 1936 Ford Coupe. He attends cruise nights two or three times a week.



Drain Brothers has already begun work on the sk8board park, behind the tennis courts.



Hockey Registration

Max Turtle, 10, of Bonnerlaw, signed up for Centre Hastings Minor Hockey, August at the Marmora Community Centre. Taking registrations were Lorie Anger, left, and Peeling. Additional registration nights were held this week in both Madoc and Marmora. There are no house leagues just 'rep' teams covering kids from four years of age up with a team in every division. Last season the Midgets got to the finals, Juveniles semi-finals.

photo/Nancy D

Storm damages Dickey Lake area

Central Hastings OPP, along with its municipal, county and provincial partners, Marmora & Lake Fire Department, Hastings Ambulance and Ontario Hydro, were busy Friday investigating an unnatural wind event in the Dickey Lake/Thanet Lake area, approximately 20 kms north of Marmora & Lake.

At approximately 1520 hrs., the OPP was notified of a storm that moved through the area. The storm caused damage to both permanent and seasonal residences. OPP and Fire Department officials conducted a door-to-door search of the affected area. There were no reports of any injuries, however there

was substantial property damage. An OPP helicopter was called in to assist in assessing the damage.

Numerous OPP officers from surrounding detachments were brought in to assist and are utilizing ATVs and 4x4 vehicles to enter the area. Initial estimates from officers at the scene indicate that approximately 20 residences were damaged.

Following the door-to-door search, no injuries were reported and there were no reports of missing persons.

The OPP helicopter made several passes in the area of the lakes and indicated that there is a substantial amount of debris

from the path of the storm which has landed in both the lakes. The OPP is informing all boaters on the lakes to use extreme caution for the next while. OPP maintained a presence in the area all the long weekend.

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Venture Van Project—The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation has come to the aid of the Venture Van with a donation in the amount of \$6,000 for promotion to assist in fundraising for a new van. Taking part in the presentation were, from left: Ed Dunk, Administrator of Trent Hills Transportation; Art Linton, Community Foundation director and chair of the Grants Committee; Doreen Sharpe and Valerie Wynn, board members of the Trent Hills Transportation. Mrs. Sharpe said the Venture Van, which commenced operations in 1992, has removed major barriers for functional and physically disabled people in the community. The van currently has logged more than 210,000 kilometres and the committee is currently fundraising for a new vehicle. The campaign has already raised \$25,000 and needs another \$55,000 to complete the purchase. *photo submitted.*



Agricultural Rally—Worried representatives of the agricultural community attended a crucial meeting and rally at the Warkworth Arena Friday, Aug. 29th. One of the panelists, MP Paul Macklin, said he favours a science-based solution to the BSE crisis instead of simply applying political pressure. Gaye Hoskin, President of the Northumberland Federation of Agriculture, listens. *Photo/Rolly Ethier.*

Letter to the Editor

Councillor offers rebuttal of "fear mongering" charge

Having read the Aug. 30th edition of the Courier where comments attributed to me were termed misleading, I fail to agree with Cathy Redden. She suggests "fear mongering."

I spoke to the Director of Planning for Trent Hills who stated my comments at the meeting were appropriate. I have spoken to a person who was a member of the previous Council who recalls the study done on suggested locations for a second bridge in Campbellford.

I recall this member at the Council trade booth at the Campbellford Arena who had drawings of a bridge at the Trent Drive Grand Road location. This was also confirmed with the Director of Planning.

I distinctly remember the council member at the time telling me if there is a second bridge "that's where it is going." Now we all know that the second bridge didn't happen. It would appear that it was just a Bridge Study (another study) but what is to stop a future Council from putting a bridge across there?

I would suggest strongly that this council, as we have done in the past, act on accurate facts in making a decision about changing the zoning bylaw. I understand that on Sept. 9th, that the Planning Committee will be reviewing the information.

In passing, I have spoken to one of the three local ratepayers who visited one of the Nautical Group retirement homes operating in Amprior. The person said they were treated like royalty, stayed overnight and had meals at the home. The person was impressed and I heard no negative comments.

Councillor Joe Watson,
 Campbellford, Ont.

On-ice instruction highlights five-night refereeing school

Stirling—On-ice instruction has been being added as part of the 1st annual Quinte Area Hockey Referee's School, which gets under way Sept. 2nd at the Stirling Arena.

Registration takes place at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Camp Overview session presented by the instructors before the participants take part in two on-ice and classroom sessions.

"We are holding this clinic to provide an opportunity for our officials to improve their skills," says Nick Myers, a former Campbellford Rebel player who resides in Stirling and is now a minor hockey official.

"The OMHA has a great program but I lacked on-ice training which we will provide. Instructors are experienced minor hockey officials and some have climbed the ladder to junior ranks in different levels."

The camp will provide officials with on-ice instruction, skate testing, supervised games and classroom instruction. Unlike the re-certification clinic, instructors will be facing real game situations instead of merely going over rules, Myers explained.

In total, the school offers five nights of sessions to be held in Stirling Sept. 2nd, 8th and 10th and at the Trenton Air Base Arena Sept. 4th and 18th. Instructors scheduled to attend include Ted Padley, Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association; Bryan Detlor, who has refereed in OHA Junior A and Junior C ranks; Duane Parliament, a junior C referee; and Shanne Wannamaker, who has refereed in major OHL Minor Cup games.

Also attending as speakers are Allan Detlor, an 18-year OHA veteran; Dave Regan, who refereed game seven of the Provincial Junior A East Championships; and Ken Harris, a Kingston veteran who won the Most Dedicated Official award in 1996.

More agricultural worries

Guelph—Allegations related to Aylmer Meat Packers have dealt the beef industry another blow during the worst crisis in Canadian agricultural history, says Ron Wooddisse, President of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

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Chick Reid
"A good role to look at."

Glowing praise for Campbellford from Whitby Mayor

Trent Hills has received glowing praise from the Mayor of the Town of Whitby for being an outstanding small community.

The acclaim has come in the form of a letter from Mayor Marcel Brunelle to Mayor George McCleary. Brunelle said he and his wife visited Campbellford recently and was so impressed he was prompted to write to offer personal congratulations.

"Seldom have I seen a community so well presented," said the Whitby Mayor. "The downtown core is active and vibrant and very well maintained. Your parklands were lovely and well kept and the streets clean. Your community is the epitome of a successful old town."

He advised Mayor McCleary he has purchased property near Stirling, adding that he felt pleased that this will provide him with frequent opportunities to visit Campbellford."

An Assault Incident

Police were called to a Norham Road residence in Trent Hills Aug. 23 and found a man lying on the ground with injuries to his face. The investigation revealed that another man had allegedly been assaulted as well. Northumberland OPP officers are continuing an investigation and charges are pending.

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McCamus, Reid back in tribute play to bravery of New York firemen

Warkworth residents and renowned Stratford actors Tom McCamus and Chick Reid will return again next Saturday (Sept. 13th) in a one-night benefit performance. The play, "The Guys", has received rave reviews in an off-Broadway presentation. It is a moving tribute to the bravery and courage of firefighters during the destruction of the World Trade Centre of Sept. 11th two years ago in New York.

"The play was referred to me by a colleague who thought it would be a good role for me to look at," said Chick Reid recently. "When I realized it was a two-hander and that it was written in the style of Love Letters, that is a play intended to be read, I thought it would be ideal for the Warkworth Town Hall."

She said the subject matter is thought-provoking and it seems appropriate that we read it close to the second anniversary of the tragedy.

Written in November 2001 by Anne Nelson, a professor of journalism, "The Guys" is based on the author's own true story. Nelson was one of many New Yorkers who were devastated by the terrorist attack. Her sister introduced her to a fire chief required to write eulogies for eight fallen colleagues. Through this introduction, Nelson wrote the

eulogies for him and from these beginnings, the play developed.

It opened off-Broadway 12 weeks after 9/11 with Bill Murray and Sigourney Weaver in the lead roles, and ran for many months with the cast donating their time and fees and the featured actors changing every two weeks. A film version followed.

The appearance of McCamus and Reid is another theatrical coup for Warkworth. Tom has performed in theatres across Canada. He was a Shaw Festival member for eight years, spent four years with Toronto's Theatre Plus and six years with the Stratford Festival. Starring roles include Hamlet, Peter Pan, Brutus, Androcles, King Arthur and Richard III. More recently he portrayed the evil Mason Eckhardt in the television series Mutant X.

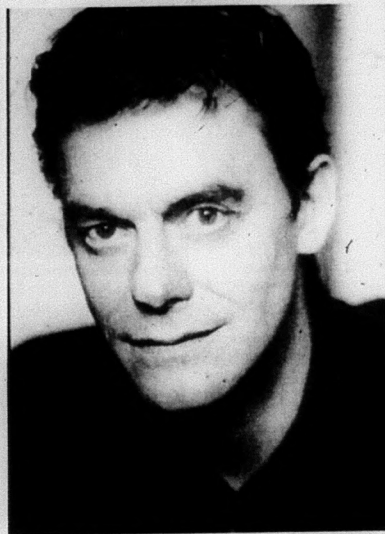
Chick Reid's 27-year career has taken her to the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, Toronto's Theatre Plus, Broadway and numerous regional theatres across Canada and the U.S.

Her television and film credits include Mutant X, Doc, Street Legal, Saying Goodbye, Twitch City, Don't Think Twice, Getting Away with Murder and Circle of Two.

"The Guys" is a benefit

performance for Warkworth's Main Street Improvement Project. Tickets are available at the Niece's Nest, Eclectic Mix, Warkworth FoodTown, Ambrosia Organics and Gifts, Stone

House Gardens, The Supreme Bean, all in Warkworth, and at the Campbellford Chamber of Commerce. Tickets can also be reserved by phone at (705) 924-1230.



Tom McCamus
Portrayed evil Mason Eckhardt in TV series Mutant X

OPP Report

Impaired Driving

Police stopped a Ford Mustang on Lake Road in Cramahe Township. The driver was arrested for impaired operation of a vehicle. After providing tests in the breathalyzer, Lawrence Joseph Bernier, 40, of Cramahe Township was charged with impaired operation and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Stolen Pickup

The Northumberland OPP received a report of a stolen 1989 GMC pickup truck, blue in colour, in Colborne between Aug. 25-28. The truck had a "for sale" sign on the vehicle and no license plates.

Domestic Assault

A 26-year-old Brighton man was charged with assaulting his wife when he returned home after drinking with friends and starting an argument. The situation escalated with the man grabbing his wife by the throat and punching her in the face.

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Campbellford students return for another school year



Ready For Another Year! Three anxious youngsters at Hillcrest Public School in Campbellford await the opening bell Tuesday morning for the start of another school year. From left, Jocelyn Newton, who is entering grade seven; Samantha Fenton, who is in grade six and her brother, Josh Fenton, going into grade three. They were among thousands of other young students from across the province to hit the books again after a summer holiday hiatus. photo/Rolly Ethier.



Cyclists Arrive For School—These students arrived for the first day of the new school year at Hillcrest Public School in Campbellford on their bicycles ready to renew old acquaintances and face the challenges ahead. From left: Erin Buchowski, grade six; Jeremy Hicks, grade five; and Nicholas Buchowski, grade 3. The Northumberland OPP warn all cyclists to obey the rules of the road while motorists are asked to drive carefully now that another school year has started. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Charlie, Charles and Cantabile an electrifying Westben menu

O'Meara to present his "Not-so-Silent Screen"

Campbellford—What better way to enjoy another glorious autumn weekend than at Westben Arts Festival Theatre's *The Barn* with the presentation of CHARLIE, CHARLES AND CANTABILE from Friday, September 26th, to Sunday, 28th.

On Friday, Sept. 26th at 7 p.m. the "Not-So-Silent Screen" presents that endearing figure of Charlie Chaplin's Little Tramp in the 1928 silent film "The Circus". Advertisements for a Charlie Chaplin film are always a promise of happiness. And this award-winning production is no exception. Charlie Chaplin wrote, produced and directed this

film which is filled with many funny situations but still allows Chaplin to reveal the Little Tramp character as a warm and thoughtful human being.

But as the title of the evening indicates, this silent film is not so silent! Pianist, organist and silent-film accompanist **William O'Meara** adds his improvised accompaniment (for which he receives copious critical acclaim!) to this silent film classic.

O'Meara has accompanied films on piano and organ for the National Gallery of Canada, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Toronto Film Society and for the world's largest festival of silent films,

Le Giornate del Cinema Muto. He is also the piano accompanist for Ontario Cinématique which regularly presents retrospective series of eminent silent film directors. As well, William enjoys an international organ career on the concert circuit and is a frequent soloist at the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

On Saturday, September 27th at 2 pm another **Charles** is highlighted at **The Barn**. The upbeat and incompa-
Emperor Quartet leads a **Tribute to the Prince of Wales** featuring a resplendently royal review of the favourite music of Charles, Prince of Wales.

Hailed as the "monarchiochial" musical mainstay on the Canadian social scene, the four facile **Quartet** members, **Stephen Sitariski, 1st violin**, (one of Canada's most versatile and talented violinists), **Jef ten Kortenaar, 2nd violin**, (an arranger, performer, composer and teacher) **David Wadley, viola**, (a member of the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony) and **Maurizio**

Baccante, cello, (also principal cellist with the National Ballet Orchestra) boast a vast array of international experience and historical knowledge. Their music was even used for the score of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* as well as many other scores for television and feature films. Their exceptional musicality and irreverence has attracted many reigning monarchs and prominent political leaders. And Westben audiences too!

The program is to be elegantly selected from the works of King Henry VIII, George Frederick Handel, Henry Purcell, William Boyce, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Camille Saint-Saëns, Sir Edward Elgar, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and others. An abundance of the finest Madrigals, Sonatas, Sinfonias, Divertimenti and Waltzes are to be incorporated as well.

Choral music in the countryside is Sunday afternoon's fabulous fare. Join the celebrated **Cantabile Women's Choir** with artistic director/conductor **Mark**

Sirett on Sunday, September 28th at 2 pm.

Kingston based, this 50-voice choir is the recipient of numerous distinctions. Founded in 1996 the **Cantabile Women's Choir** is part of the multi-choir community programme, **Cantabile Choirs of Kingston**.

Under the impeccable direction of **Dr. Sirett**, the **Choir** has performed with the Kingston Symphony, numerous charities and service organizations and has commissioned new choral works from prominent

Canadian composers such as Eleanor Daley. And did you know that **Mark Sirett** is an award-winning choral composer whose compositions have been performed

by some of Canada's leading choirs and are frequently heard on CBC radio?

Enjoy a program ranging from Eleanor Daley's "Os justi" to Imant Raminsh's "Kyrie", to traditional Irish and Newfoundland folksongs right up to the Scottish favourite "Will Ye No Come Back Again". The dictionary's definition of cantabile is "smooth flowing passages"...and the **Cantabile Women's Choir** certainly lives up to that meaning.

From an endearing little tramp to an irreverent Quartet and "smooth flowing passages" you are in for an **Autumn Feast for the Ears** not to be missed in the beautiful rolling hills of Northumberland County.

Marine Accident

Police were called to the Golden Beach Resort Aug. 24th after receiving a report of a pair of 14-foot aluminum boats colliding on Rice Lake in front of the resort. It was reported that one boat was stationary on the water with three persons fishing. The second boat accidentally collided with the stationary boat. One man was ejected into the water, sustaining minor injuries and was treated at the scene by ambulance attendants. The first boat sustained extensive damage.

Back to school bus safety guidelines

Children have returned to school for another year and the Northumberland OPP reminds all motorists to drive extra carefully and be cognizant of school bus safety guidelines.

Most mishaps take place outside the bus, so here are some precautionary tips to remember for both parents and their children:

• Don't let your children arrive at the stop too early. They may be tempted to wander or get into mischief.

• Make sure they know what to do if they miss a bus. Come back home, or if at school, report to a teacher—and never, never accept a ride from a stranger.

• If the stop is a long way from home, plan and discuss with your children where they can go in an emergency.

• If it is dark on the way to or from the bus, make your children visible. Use retro-reflective tape on their clothing and avoid dark colours.

• Make sure they wait well away from the roadway and stay well back until the bus has come to a complete stop and the doors open.

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Port Hope Jazz Festival receives TEMP funding

Northumberland—The Ernie Eves' provincial government has invested \$8,000 in a grant for the promotion and enhancement of the All-Canadian Jazz Festival Port Hope. "I am pleased our government has given the Jazz Festival an opportunity to expand and promote this event," said MPP Dr. Doug Galt. "Organizers are doing a tremendous job for the community organizing a weekend of events, which in turn boosts local and regional economies."

"It is also notable that almost all levels of government—federal, provincial and municipal have provided funding for this exciting tourism opportunity," said Dr. Galt.

"My only disappointment is that the county level of government has flatly refused to provide any financial support to the festival. This is short-sighted at best. Mayor Austin has some work to do at the county level to ensure this festival, which benefits the entire area in terms of revenue and provincial recognition, gets the support it needs from county council."

The second annual All-Canadian Jazz Festival will receive an \$8,000 grant from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Tourism Event Marketing Partnership (TEMP) program to develop a marketing campaign promoting the festival in the Greater Toronto Area.

The festival, taking place September 19 to 21, exclusively features Canadian Jazz musicians, including Jeff Healy, Heather Bambrick, David Braid Sextet and the Revelations III Montreal Jubilation Choir. Jazz parades, buskers, a vocalist series, a Young Jazz Showcase and a gospel/blues concert are also planned. Most of the events are open and free to the public and organizers expect more than 4,000 to attend. Event organizers have established several community partnerships, and this latest collaboration with the TEMP program will maximize their efforts to market the festival.

"We very much appreciate the continued support of Dr. Galt and Ontario Tourism. They have been there from the beginning," said David Acomba, Founder and Executive Director, All-Canadian Jazz Festival Port Hope. "Because of the efforts of nearly 200 volunteers, local fundraising and grants like this, the festival is able to continue and expand. With outstanding jazz musicians arriving from right across the country, this year's All-Canadian Jazz Festival Port Hope is truly 'Canada's National Jazz Festival.'"

Members enjoy opportunity of perusing local gardens

By Madeline Simpson
The Campbellford and District Horticultural Society's members went on a field trip, visiting three different gardens in the area.

It started as vehicles with horticulturists began arriving at the home of Jim and Carol Spence at 136 Canal Road. Entrance was made through well-seasoned wooden gates along a wide walkway of large flat rocks, which had been dug on the property, and used in this way, so that there was space and soil for gardens.

Their large home is in the process of renovation, and one can imagine it will fit into its surroundings when it is completed. Trees and shrubs encompass the borders of the property, which extend to the steep banks overlooking the Trent River.

Perennial gardens surround the house, with some areas left to be planted when renovations are finished.

More stone walkways led to a lawn at the sides and back of the house, with pergolas and several water features to attract one's notice. Of the latter, one was fashioned like a mill with water wheel and cascading water. Another used a watering can with water trickling from its spout.

Because of the shade areas at the back, the gardens there feature hostas of many different varieties and colours.

Several Lookouts

A steep stairs led down the cliffside to access the river. Several lookouts were placed strategically overlooking the river. What a great place to relax in the cool shade, and watch the traffic on the Trent, with cool breezes sweeping through the trees.

Among the outstanding displays of perennials and biennials were tall hollyhocks, white Shasta daisies, red bee balm, astilbes, delphinium, coreopsis and lilies, both Orientals and day lilies (hemerocallis) of many varieties. Carol had potted day lilies for sale, and a number of horticulturists left happily with the day lily "Baby Talk" in their possession.

The Spences have completed a mountain of work to achieve these interesting gardens, with more ideas to pursue. The property shows great potential.

Next on the list were the gardens of Ferne and Robert Davidson at 2255 on the 13th Line of Seymour.

An overturned orange crate, spilling soil and garden plants into a sloping oval bed outlined with red bricks welcomes you into a driveway leading to the Davidson home. A split rail fence marks the garden boundary next to the road.

This is a large property surrounded by tall trees, reaching high into the sky, and wooded areas on the fringes.

Certain areas of the gardens caught our eyes, with decorative additions, such as a guardian angel guarding her own particular domain, a huge metal sunflower and a windmill.

A pergola leads from the back garden to the front where an assortment of perennials flourishes, depending mostly on Mother Nature for liquid nourishment.

Some perennials that grace the gardens were huge hostas, blue campanula, sweet William, pink mallow, delphiniums, lilies and hollyhocks.

Wreath Shaped
Of the latter, one with

double amber blooms was outstanding.

In another place a wine-coloured clematis had been trained to grow in the shape of a wreath. Very impressive! A bicycle with its carrier filled with flowering plants provides another imaginative touch. From some of the trees hung old whiplash-trees, supporting pots of plants.

One of the water features used the cast-iron door of a box stove, emitting trickling water through a window hole. Large rocks on the property have become the nesting places of "hens and chickens."

Last Tour Stop

The last stop on the tour was at the property of Robert and Time Lisle at 2291 on the 14th Line.

Driving up the long lane, you catch glimpses of garden plants thriving in what was once a creek bed.

Flower beds surround the white frame house, advancing out into a former field, around the well and up a laneway.

At the side of the barn a large bed of fireweed provides a mass of colour.

A variety of "hens and chickens" appear in different places, between blocks of cement, around and on rocks and in their own special beds with other succulents.

White and purple sweet peas adorn a fence along the laneway to the well, along with tall hollyhocks. On the opposite side are beds of bright calendulas, larkspurs, poppies and mallows. Beside the huge iron kettle-watering trough a large embedded rock hosts "hens and chickens."

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The Beaver Meadow Fox Hunt Club's annual Welcome Meet

By Mary McClavey

Hunt season will soon be upon us, horses and hounds are being made ready, and autumn colours are just beginning to make themselves seen. The Beaver Meadow Foxhounds hunt club extends a warm invitation to everyone who would like to spend a lovely day in a country setting, enjoy the exciting spectacle of horses and hounds, and get acquainted with a bunch of really friendly folks. They would like riders and non-riders alike to join them for their annual Welcome Meet which takes place on Saturday, September 13.

The Welcome Meet is the chance to experience a traditional part of country living. Riders can become acquainted with a new way to enjoy their horses and improve their riding skills. Non-riders are welcome to watch the riders and horses by following on foot (a traditional activity) or by means of a wagon which the hunt club will have available. It is a great chance to meet some of the hunt members over a delicious hunt breakfast after the riding is done for the day.

The site of the Welcome Meet is the Killcroft Farm in Keene. Hosts for the day will be Larry and Gayle Killoran (MFH), who with other members of the Beaver Meadow Foxhounds have worked hard to prepare the trails and the jumps for the meet. Gayle is the one of the two hardworking Masters of the Hunt, along with Master Jamie Hughes.

Killcroft Farm is located on Lakeside Road, just east



Moving off!! Beaver Meadows Foxhounds Master Jamie Hughes starts out through scenic countryside to a day's hunting. Beaver Meadows Foxhounds invites everyone to become more acquainted with this traditional country pastime at their Welcome Meet on Saturday, September 13, at Killcroft Farm in Keene.

of the Village of Keene. It has a wonderful view of Rice Lake and is a beautiful spot for such an event. Special guest for the meet will be executive chef Darlene King of Harrowsmith Magazine and the John Street restaurant.

Formed in 1992

The Beaver Meadow Foxhounds hunt club was formed in 1992 to pursue the time-honoured tradition of riding to hounds. It is a recognized member of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America, which monitors and regulates foxhunts throughout Canada and the U.S., and is also licensed in accordance with the Ministry of Natural Resources regulations.

Hard work by members in promoting the Club has resulted not only in its survival, but its growth. The Club is always ready to wel-

come new members of all ages, whether they are riders or followers.

More than hunting

Beaver Meadows Foxhounds members do not only hunt, but enjoy an expanding social calendar which includes a Hunt Ball, Master's Dinner, Christmas party, puppy show, trail rides, and hunter pace. They hold cross country trials and clinics from time to time. The Club operates through spectacular Ontario countryside which ranges from gently rolling farmland in the south to the picturesque terrain of the Canadian Shield in the north. The territory comprises about 150 square miles of land over which the Club can officially hunt.

Hunts take place during the spring from the middle of April until the end of May and from September until mid-November. A typical

day ranges from 2-4 hours with a hunt breakfast afterwards. Meets are usually

twice a week during the season on Wednesdays and Sundays. Since there are three fields, riders of all levels can participate. Those riding in the 2nd and 3rd fields do not have to jump or gallop, and the pace accommodates itself to the least experienced riders. Those more advanced riders can join the huntsman in the first field with the hounds.

Hunting gives people a chance to experience Mother Nature in all her forms, whether it be rolling hills, wooded trails, or open pastures. Beaver Meadow Foxhounds is sure that however you come to enjoy the day with them, you will find it a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Start time for the Welcome Meet will be 10.00

a.m. To get to Killcroft go east on County Road 10 to the first side road (Lakeside Road). Turn south and go one kilometre to #3633 (the first lane after the bend). If you are coming west turn left onto Lakeside Road which is the last turn just before the bridge into Killcroft.

Fees for the day: \$35 for riders, \$15 for non-riders (these fees include hunt breakfast). For members and children 10 years old and under, fees are free of charge. For members only, the fee is \$12 for the hunt breakfast since they ride for free.

For tickets and/or information contact Killoran, MFH at (705) 674-1141.

Letter to the Editor

MPP hails public efforts during power disruption

It has been said that Ontario needs an occasional ice storm or similar challenge to bring us together. In the recent power disruption, we saw some tremendous co-operation from businesses and individuals in conserving power until the situation stabilized. Thanks to all those who recognized the importance of working together to ensure the public good.

Here in Northumberland and Quinte West, we saw many examples of people taking extraordinary action to conserve power. Businesses ran machines on the off-shift, lights at many public facilities were turned off and homeowners refrained from using high-energy consumption appliances such as air conditioners and clothes dryers.

It was very heartening to see the efforts everyone made to help prevent rolling power outages. I believe this speaks to the qualities of humanity we hold dear in Ontario—qualities of caring, co-operation and understanding. The response of the public and of the busi-

ness sector makes me proud to be able to call Ontario my home.

Congratulations on a job well done! Besides bringing us together in a time of adversity, I believe the power outage also taught us a valuable lesson about conservation. While the Premier has made a strong commitment to making Ontario self-sufficient, I believe we also can make significant gains by increasing our conservation efforts.

That, coupled with power generation conservation, as well as the development of wind turbines, other green sources of energy, will position Ontario to ensure self-sufficiency in the future.

Once again, my thanks to all residents of Northumberland and Quinte West for the wonderful operation you demonstrated throughout the recent power crunch.

Doug Galt, MPP
Northumberland



Mr. Greg McEwan, president of the Beaver Meadows Foxhounds hunt club (seen here riding through beautiful fall woods during a day of hunting) would like to invite riders and others to learn more about this traditional country pastime at the club's Welcome Meet at Killcroft Farm in Keene on Saturday, September 13.

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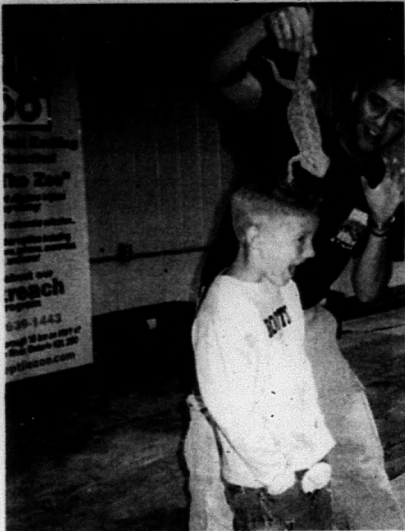
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Foster Maloney, 7, volunteered to allow Adrian Philpot to demonstrate this bearded lizard on his head at the reptile show in the Curling Club, Saturday, at the 113th annual Marmora Fair.



Riding the Merry-Go-Round under the watchful eye of her mother, Brenda Puffer, was Krysta, 3, of Marmora.



Robert Vaughn of Ottawa is a working blacksmith works the bellows to bring his coal fire up to 2500 degrees F.

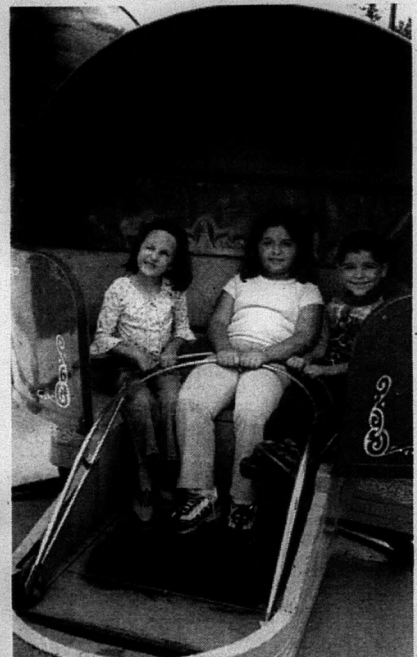


Natasha Rodgers-Vader stole the show with her rendition of Pop Goes the Weasel. Natasha was the only registrant in the Under 8 category at the 3rd annual Fiddle and Step Dance Contest.



Ian Talbot with border collies Moss and Jock performed sheep herding skills in the horse ring.
all photos/Nancy Derrer

Marmora Fair 2003



All set for a ride on the Tilt-a-Whirl at the Fair were Danielle DiPietrantonio, 5, Stella Della Civita, 8 and brother Domenico, 4, all of Trenton.



Craig Raywood was emcee for the annual pet show, seen here with Sasha, the Wonder Cat, and her owner Shyla Swereda, 9.



Eleanor Jones' 1937 Jaguar convertible was the envy of the many attending the Classic Car Show Sunday. Mrs. John was one of over 100 registrants in the show.



Ken Watson of Campbellford on a 30 Cockshutt tractor was winner of the 3,500 pounds antique tractor pull with a distance of 149' 6".



Jim Brethour of Campbellford, left, is president of the Crowe Valley Barnstormers, a club whose members do radio controlled aircraft. With him is Clarence Shannon of Marmora. You can contact Mr. Shannon at 613-472-0690, e-mail cjshann@sympatico.ca for more information.



Anthony Brownson and Alex Desureault were just two of the eager participants taking part in the Kiddie Tractor Pull Sunday at the Fair.



Winner of the Light Horse & Pony Draw, pulling 2,700 pounds, was Glenn Parks of Bancroft.

Environmentalism and development: mutually exclusive

By Lawrence McAllister

After five years and a costly war of words involving lawyers, consultants, and engineers, Quinte West is buying an Oak Lake property rather than go down to almost certain defeat at the Ontario Municipal Board.

Peter Stewart, along with a partner, bought the property in 1998, which adjoins the lake just south of Stirling. The property is 0.86 acres, which makes it about twice the size of the average lot on the lake, some of them being as small as one-tenth of an acre. The property was zoned SR, Seasonal Residence. A portion was classified as "Environmental Control". This, however, was not seen as a hindrance, since under the 'E' classification, even a marina would be permitted, and the lot was suitable for a

residence and had already been granted the okay for a septic system.

By 1999 Stewart had applied to change zoning to year round, hoping to build a single family residence. Many homes on the lake have been 'converted' from cottages to year round residences. This has been done, though, without any formal request.

Like others, Stewart said, he could've built a "cottage" and then had someone occupy it year round. The definition of seasonal residence in zoning terms is so loose that its use is declining in Ontario. But he wanted it official.

The property is no different from any of the others surrounding Oak Lake; they all have an Environmental Control designation. The strip of land denoted as EC was

wider on Stewart's land than on other properties. This seemed to be for no particular reason, other than where an arbitrarily drawn line fell on a map after aerial photographs were interpreted. The portion of land denoted EC did not even match the flood line, or high water mark.

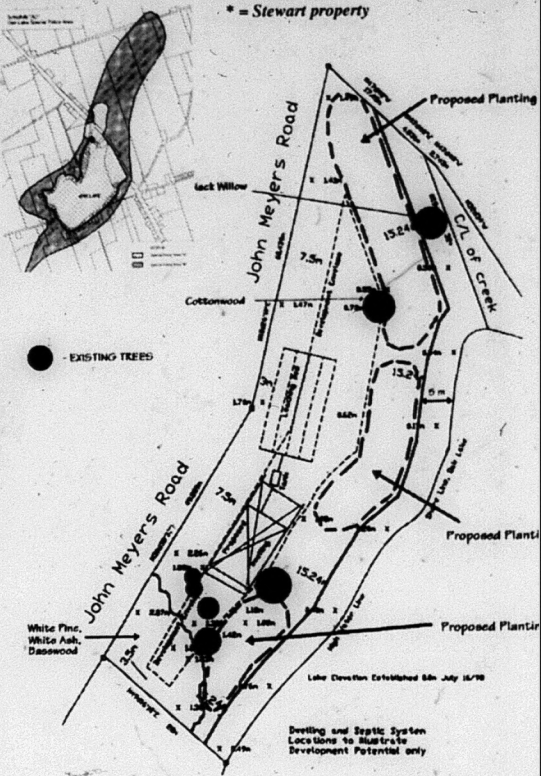
The Quinte West Planning Department and Planning Committee studied Stewart's proposal and recommended accepting the change from seasonal to year round in the fall of 1999.

Public opponents of the change included residents of homes on the lake. They claimed the previous owner, the late John Orser, filled and dredged the property. Stewart did not dispute this, and said there was no evidence either way, but that it was essentially irrelevant. To Stewart it seemed that critics were saying, simultaneously, that the land was somehow tainted, and yet untouched and should be protected.

Orser had already severed the lot from his original property, with the blessing of Hastings County, years before selling it to Stewart. Protected portion, which Stewart bought, was actually larger than the remaining property.

There have been applications in the past to change properties to year round residence, and some of the applications have been accepted. However, in 1998, of the 115 or so homes around the lake, less than 10 were officially considered year round, notwithstanding that most are, indeed, used year round. Under the 2002 bylaw, almost all are considered seasonal.

Stewart said that a member of a 'ratepayers' association' asked council not to wait for an environmental impact study Stewart offered to commission, and urged council instead to simply reject his application. This is what council did. Stewart went ahead with the report



Above, the location of the Stewart property on the lake and its proposed plan.

anyway. Stewart says the report was done by consultants recommended by the Lower Trent Conservation Authority. The report said the land is not "wetland" and is "high and dry". It said the plan by Stewart would actually be a good example, and recommended approval of the application. Council rejected these conclusions and at their next meeting completed the formal, second stage of refusing to change the bylaw (which would have changed the seasonal designation of the

property).

Council's rejection of the application ignored their own Planning Department, Planning Committee, and the consultant's report. Stewart appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board in 1999.

As it stood at the time, the Planning Department and Planning Committee would have been offering evidence on Stewart's behalf. However, the city hired a consultant who claimed any development of the property would affect pike reproduction and affect flood lines and water quality. With this report in hand, the Planning Department and the Planning Committee reversed

their position.

Pike expert Castleman was both consulted further reports. Castleman, concluded the horizontal impact on pike, metres would be a buffer for pike.

The issue was agreed. But then the issue of water and the municipality to stop not or developments existing development Stewart's.

See Quinte continued

War of the Words

These quotes are from a report from Michalski Nielsen Associates to Peter Stewart in 2002, commenting on a municipal consultant's water quality report:

"... no idea of where the samples were collected, what depth they were collected from, how they were collected and treated, when they were analyzed relative to sampling, and what the analytical precision was..."

"...unless there is a reasonable degree of consistency... the conclusion does not have a strong scientific foundation."

"...too simplistic and in my opinion would not stand the test of scientific credibility."

"...I cannot understand how the [report] came to a ... somewhat misleading conclusion..."

"I find this statement most presumptuous, almost to the point of being fear-mongering."

"The argument that you should not be permitted to develop your property is only valid if it is done without regard to environmental concerns."

"You should not be penalized for whatever environmental damage has resulted in the past."

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Quinte West buys property

'be warned that politics can sometimes over rule common sense'

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Quinte West passed an interim control bylaw (ICB) to restrict development until a comprehensive study was done. Stewart asked for a deferral at the OMB at this time.

By March 2002 the comprehensive study was

complete and it said that water quality was good but had declined and could get worse.

Council created a new official plan policy and zoning for all of Oak Lake. This prohibited new developments and any building within 100' of the lake. Stewart appealed this policy and zoning bylaw change, and this matter was just before the OMB.

Stewart had his consultant check the water. The consultant said the municipal study was severely flawed. The municipality asked for an OMB deferral because a settlement was close.

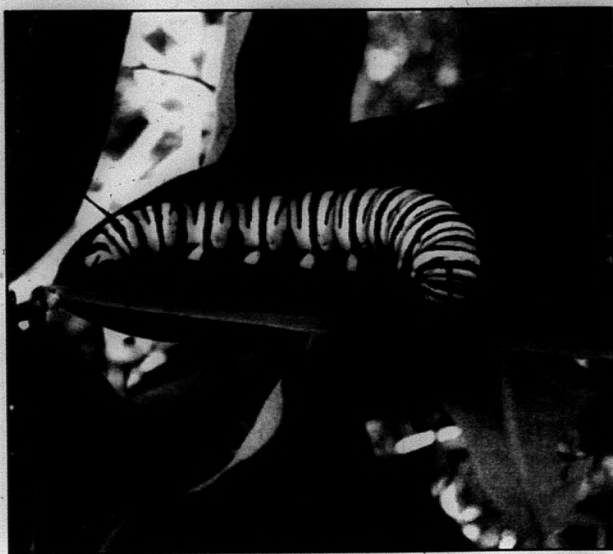
Although to some it seemed the public hounded council to reject a settlement, the municipal solicitor recommended seeking an agreement.

After a public hearing in July council approached Stewart informally and, citing the enormous costs,

offered to buy the property. This week the paperwork was signed and Quinte West will buy the property outright from Stewart for \$40,000, a price that Stewart says gives him a negative return on his investment and that, since no one on either side of the dispute is very happy with the price, that is probably a good sign that it was a fair compromise.

"The municipality obviously lost confidence in their ability to stop me from getting approval [from the OMB]," Stewart said. Since the home he was planning to build was for investment and not to live in personally, he had no problem selling the property. It ends the dispute and gives Quinte West public land touching the lake.

Stewart still owns other property in Quinte West. His advice to would-be home builders: know what you're getting into, and be warned that politics can sometimes over rule common sense.

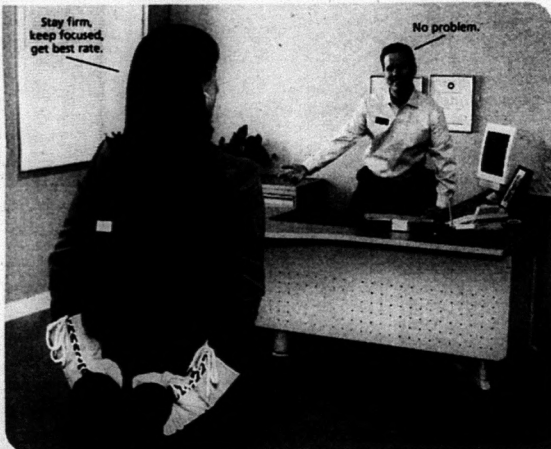


This caterpillar will soon become a Monarch butterfly. photo / Lawrence McAllister

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Marmora Country Jamboree, Sept. 12-14, rain or shine

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora - The Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club presents the 2nd annual Marmora Country Jamboree, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 12, 13 and 14, at the Marmora Fairgrounds. Rough weekend camping is included with the weekend pass, which costs \$30 at the gate. Campsite reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Randy Warren at 613-395-0774. Day passes are also available; children 16 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

The program runs from 6pm to midnight on Friday, noon to midnight on Saturday and there is a gospel show Sunday from 10am to

2pm. Open Mike on Friday and Saturday. In addition, there will be 'campfire pickin' after the concerts.

Entertainers include The Code Family, The Running Kind Band, Don Cochrane, The Backwoodsman (Lorne Buck & Jimmy Ellis), Brimstone, Roger Snider, Curly Taylor, Odie Snider, Dan Ireland, Ray and Carolyn Ireland, Jackie Fraser, Lorne Hachey, John Forman, Charlie Mayell, Dave Jenkins, Keith Merryweather, Kathaleen Hawkins, Reg Derochie, John Deveries, Leo and Pat Prevost, Stew Fisher, Jack Clemenger, Tommy Hughes, Red Baker and Al Traynor.

And, there's more: expect to find a corn roast or two, vendors, a roast beef supper Saturday, breakfasts and Saturday and Sunday; food booths, beer tent, and there will be special parking and camping spaces for handicapped.

Advance tickets are on sale now at Cook's Barber Shop, Ice Cream and Bakery House and from Buck Warren at 472-2001; Willemssen's Esso, Madoc; Played to Perfection Music, Stirling; Friends, Campbellford, Bud Monahan Guitars, 295 Aylmer St. North, Peterborough; Briar Patch, Century Place, Sam The Record Man, Quinte Mall; and in Trenton at Riverside Music Store.

Plan now to attend! See you there!

Riskiest period for WNV

The Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit urges residents not to drop their guard in using personal protection measures against mosquito bites. The risk of being bitten by a mosquito infected with West Nile virus will be highest during the next two to three weeks.

"There has been no West Nile virus positive mosquito pools found and no human cases of West Nile virus in Hastings and Prince Edward counties," said Glen Hudgin, Director of Public Health Inspection. "However, as of August 28, six crows have

tested positive for the virus throughout the counties."

"Although there are no human cases in our area, I strongly urge people to continue using personal protection measures against mosquito bites," said Hudgin.

Personal protection measures include reducing breeding sites around your home such as all standing water, and wearing protective clothing when active outdoors in mosquito prone areas. As well, apply an insect repellent with up to 30 per cent concentration of DEET for adults and 10 per

cent for children following the manufacturer's directions carefully.

"We need to be vigilant until at least mid-September when many adult mosquitoes will have entered a cycle of dormancy called diapause and are not active in transmitting West Nile virus infection," said Hudgin.

West Nile virus is spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected by biting an infected bird. The virus is not spread by person to person contact.

Inspections increased

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nothing to do with meat inspection. It has to do with allegations of a company compromising food safety by bypassing the inspection system. No system will work if individuals choose to work outside of it."

Said Bonnett, "It's

important to put this into context, remaining aware of the hundreds of Ontario processors that strictly adhere to meat inspection regulations. Aylmer Meat Packers processes about one per cent of Ontario's beef so we're only talking about a small amount of

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OCA and OFA welcome the appointment of Dr. James Young, who is Ontario's Commissioner of Public Safety, to oversee the investigation and offer their assistance in any way possible.

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The S'Loon Dawgs are seen here playing in Ivanhoe's Music in the Park last Sunday.
photo / Lawrence McAllister

Gordon stands behind his party's successes

By Lawrence McAllister

Barry Gordon had good reasons to miss the debate in Madoc on the 8th. "I've already agreed to five or six debates," he said in an interview Wednesday, "and I can't be everywhere at once." Gordon, the Progressive Conservative candidate for the riding of Hastings, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington (HFL&A), felt the issues would not be "large enough" at this particular meeting and would attract only decided voters. "I campaigned that night instead. I canvassed in Madoc, and lots of people were home."

It is those people who convince him he's on the right track. "There's only one taxpayer," he said, starting what he called his long answer to the question of supporting municipal referendums for tax increases. "The Taxpayer Protection Act protects taxpayers provincially," he said, "and residents are fed up with municipal taxes. This way they have the same protection. This doesn't mean we'll abandon municipalities," he said, noting the Ernie Eves government will create an office of municipal auditor. "Not to tell municipalities what to do," Gordon said, "but to ensure best practices."



Progressive Conservative candidate Barry Gordon.
photo / Lawrence McAllister

Gordon is proud of the record of the Conservatives over their two terms in power. "This government has created an average of over 400 jobs a day while we've been in office," he said. "What I have to do as an MPP is make sure more of that ends up in our riding." He said the Tory's record of job creation is the best of all the provinces. The Conservatives have no immediate plans to in-

crease minimum wage, and Gordon said job growth and job creation are the focus. He quoted Kevin Moore, a minister working for the party: "The best thing you can do for someone is give them a job."

Noting that every answer to every question in the Madoc debate called for more money, Gordon said "We

See Fiscal

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Candidates debate

By Lawrence McAllister

There was no clear winner at Monday's 'all candidates' debate held in Madoc, but many felt the candidate who lost the most was one who did not appear.

Incumbent Leona Dombrowsky of the Ontario Liberal Party, Ross Sutherland of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, and Adam Scott of the Green Party of Ontario gathered at Centre Hastings Secondary School on Monday evening for a debate organized by a coalition of several non-profit groups including the Three Oaks Womens Shelter and Hastings and Prince Edward Community Legal Services.

Over 100 voters attended, many prepared with questions for the candidates. Bert Hielema, a retired businessman with an interest in social matters, moderated the meeting with a 100 year old school bell borrowed from the Tweed Heritage Centre.

Organizers pointed out a few facts about the riding of Hastings, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington (HFL&A) before starting the meeting. The area is characterized, they said, by high unemployment and low wages, and has one of the highest rates of social assistance in the province. Over 98,000 people in 51,000 households live in the riding, and Legal Services said the 'average family shortfall' is \$4,300 a year. They also noted that voter turnout is fairly good in the area, with 61.5% of eligible voters voting in the last provincial election.

Organizers asked 7 ques-

tions of the candidates, which had been previously sent to them, and then the floor was opened to questions from the public.

The Questions

After noting that the minimum wage has been held at \$6.85 since 1995, and that inflation has effectively decreased it by 20% since then, the question posed to candidates was: What will you do to raise the minimum wage so that it can be a living wage, and what other solutions can you offer?

All three candidates promised it would be raised. Dombrowsky said it was Liberal party policy to increase it to \$8 an hour, and to work with the federal government to create a labour market agreement, noting Ontario is the only province without one. Such an agreement would access federal funds and allow for training programs. Scott said a Green Party would increase it to \$8.80 per hour, a figure arrived at by calculation, and to reach this level by an increase of 50 cents every six months. They would also work to eliminate low wages in areas such as restaurants, he said. Sutherland said the NDP would increase the minimum wage immediately, tie it to inflation, and then ensure that workers in places such as WalMart could more easily unionize.

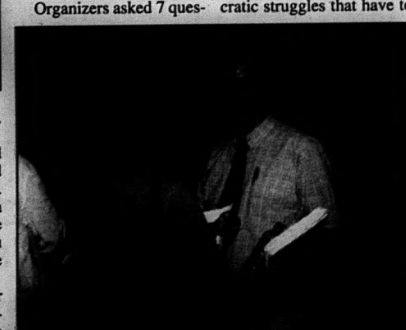
Next, those gathered heard of the staggering waiting times and the bureaucratic struggles that have to

be endured by the waiting for Ontario Support Plan (OSP) organizers said that are increasing work and Ontario Work of the design and the programs, and income levels, and candidates how to improve these programs.

Scott said that the benefits should not be lost. He said they redesigned for a quarter of the time, and improvement in it lead to less health problems caused by stress of waiting for a decision. Sutherland called this program by design, and he redesigned so that have actual access. He said the benefit is independently and tied to inflation the NDP would create a Disability Act in making a comprehensive framework for disabled, allowing them to jobs, housing, and forth. Dombrowsky said for cost-of-living a review of the program, since it is now "a time-consuming" the Liberals would create a Disability Act, not present under the disabled person is if their spouse was effectively be contributing to RRSPs, and cannot

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NDP candidate Ross Sutherland speaks to a voter at the debate in Madoc.
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Fiscal management needed: Gordon

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need fiscal management. You
have to raise taxes, if you
don't watch spending. For
them [the opposition parties]
if you need more money, you
take it. But it's not theirs; it's
the people's money."

He said the Conservative
platform was developed
from the grassroots after the
longest public consultation
in Ontario. "The hallmark of
the last two mandates," he
said, "is doing what we say
we'll do."

The notable exception
was Eves' decision not to
privatize Hydro. "You can't
blame the guy," Gordon said.
"He stopped the privatization
because he was convinced
that's what people wanted."

The PC government has
a controversial plan to ban
teacher's strikes. Gordon is
confident the results will be
positive: "After a few years
of no strikes, lockouts, or
walkouts," he said, "teachers
will be regarded as the
professionals they are once
again." He said that although
the field is an ongoing work
in progress, the ban on
teacher's strikes is the "last
major turning point" in edu-
cation.

Of interest to rural com-

munities struggling to deal
with aging infrastructure,
Gordon said the province
plans to assume responsibility
for Ontario's 12,000
bridges, at a rate of about one
thousand a year, and repair
or rebuild them according to
which need it as a priority.
This way municipalities will
avoid the heavy charges as-
sociated with bridge upkeep.
The bridge problem, Gordon
said, is part of the Eastern
Ontario Wardens' report,
and it addresses how falling
assessments are affecting
municipalities in their ability
to service residents' needs.

"There is a uniqueness to
eastern Ontario," he said,
"that needs to be represented
at the provincial level."

Noting that it was a fed-
eral Liberal matter when
speaking of money misman-
agement, Gordon brought up
the federal gun registry.
"Politicians need to recog-
nize what a stupid thing the
gun registry is," he said.
"They burned a billion dol-
lars and harassed legions of
law-abiding hunters." He
said Ontario will not spend
money on prosecutions for
federal paperwork and reg-
istration rules.

In a time when munic-

palities are spending tax
money on procuring and de-
livering health care, Gordon
said the Conservatives have
two ideas to help: the first
being to provide free tuition
to medical students and
nurses who agree to prac-
tise in underserved areas,
and the second to speed up
the processing of foreign
doctors and nurses for im-
migration, with the same
agreement.

Gordon noted that the
Conservatives have actually
increased health care fund-
ing by 10 billion dollars, and
it accounts for 45% of the
budget. Expenditure has in-
creased, he said, although
the federal government now
provides only 17 cents to
every provincial dollar, in-
stead of 50 as it was in years
past. Despite this, Gordon
said, waiting times for can-
cer treatment in Ontario have
been cut in half under the
Conservatives.

Asked about the recent
widespread North American
power failure and those who
blame Ernie Eves, Gordon
said "No non-partisan person
would blame Eves for the
power failure. During the
power failure, the public got
to see what kind of manager

he is, and his popularity went
up; so not many can possi-
bly blame him."

Gordon said the best re-
ason to vote for him as a Con-
servative candidate is his
background in rural affairs,
municipal politics, and busi-
ness experience. He noted
that when he was Reeve of
Pittsburgh Township, the
province made a film about
him as an example, and said
he had one of the most suc-
cessful records as a munic-
ipal politician. "I have a rep-
utation for solving problems
and being non-confronta-
tional," he said, and while
Reeve he "earned the respect
of voters of all stripes, as
someone who listened and
represented them."

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BSE Rally in Ottawa

Beef farmers and their
organizations will be visiting
to Parliament Hill in Ottawa
on Wednesday, Sept. 17,
2003 to call attention to the
fact that the BSE crisis, now
in its 16th week, is threaten-
ing the very fabric of rural
Canada. Farmers will also be
calling on the federal gov-
ernment to take a more ac-
tive role in bringing the cri-
sis to a close.

"We're concerned our
national government has pre-
sumed the crisis is over now
that some boneless boxed
beef exports are allowed to
cross the border to the
United States. That's a long
way from reality," says Ron
Bonnett, President of the
Ontario Federation of Agri-
culture (OFA). "Producers
of all ruminant animals are
suffering."
"Until live animals from

Canada can be traded with
buyers in the U.S., and trade
is fully restored to pre-May
20th rules, our beef produc-
ers are still facing crisis con-
ditions," says Ron
Wooddisse, President of the
Ontario Cattlemen's Asso-
ciation (OCA). "Beef farm-
ers in Ontario, alone, are los-
ing an estimated four million
dollars per week."

Worsening crisis

The Ottawa rally coin-
cides with the end of the
"Cattle Drive to Parliament
Hill", an initiative that started
in Vancouver on Sept. 2 and
was designed to bring atten-
tion to the on-going and
worsening crisis faced by
Canada's livestock industry.
The "Drive" has moved
across Canada as a demon-
stration to Canadians of the
beef industry's appreciation

for consumer support and
confidence during the crisis.

The rally on Parliament
Hill is scheduled to begin at
12:30 p.m. Bus loads of
farmers are expected to at-
tend from across the prov-
ince. Organizers look for-
ward to seeing representa-
tives of all federal parties in-
volved in this event.

The "Drive" is in North-
eastern Ontario today with
stops in Kapuskasing; Sept.
11 in Cochrane and New
Liskeard; Sept. 12 in North
Bay; Sept. 13 in St.
Catharines and Stoney
Creek; Sept. 14 at Talbotville
and Woodstock; Sept. 15 in
Toronto; Sept. 16 in Bel-
leville, Peterborough and
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Shawn Douglas has his home and shop at 475 Twin Sister Lakes Road. He's seen here with the first of three heavy duty utility trailers that he's building. With him is his purebred white German Shepherd, Nahnook. photo/Nancy Derrer

Tradesman opens welded fabrication shop

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora — When welder Shawn Douglas got laid off for the third time in 2002, he decided he had enough education and experience to start his own welded fabrication shop. So, in 2003, he undertook the building of the two-storey shop beside his home at 485 Twin Sister Lakes Road, where he has resided for eight years. The exterior walls are up, the roof is on and he plans to insulate it and heat it with either a wood stove of his own design or in-floor electrical heating.

Shawn has a wealth of experience, having worked for Markham, Raglan and McNally Trailers and educa-

tion gained through a welder-fitter course at Sir Sanford Fleming College that included blue print reading and technical math at Loyalist College.

At present, Shawn is busy completing three orders for heavy duty utility trailers, the kind people use to transport ATVs.

"Right now, I've got all the equipment I need, including a one-ton chain hoist," Shawn explained. He also has a portable welder that he can take to repair someone's trailer, hopper or heavy equipment bucket.

He's also qualified to build boats, having spent nine months working in Muskoka on the Winona II tour boat.

"It was very good experience," Shawn says. "I made seven pieces that went into the hull of the boat and once it was put in the water I built three levels of decks, laid out the walls, stairs, hand railings and elevator shaft. I've also worked building yachts and jet boats.

In the near future, he plans to have his wood stove design submitted to CSA for approval and then he can start turning them out in quantity.

If you're looking for an innovative young man to build or repair some item that is welded fabrication, you can reach Shawn at 472-1263.

Lions ready for Country Jamboree

by Wilma Bush

Marmora — A potluck dinner, organized by Lion Carolyn Fluke, opened the new season for the Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club, September 7.

The business portion of the evening, chaired by Lion President Elaine Jones, in-

cluded a major discussion on the Marmora Country Jamboree to be held Sept. 12, 13 and 14. Chair of the committee, Lion Jim Maloney, advised a large number of attendees have indicated they wish to camp at the site.

Lion Leo Provost and a group of helpers have been marking out the camping sites at the Marmora Fairgrounds.

Lion Barbara Fisher is in charge of the food to be served. Lion Allen Fluke is organizing volunteers to

work at the entry gates and Lion Russ Mitchell is in charge of the beverages to be sold.

The Lions are eagerly anticipating a great weekend, most of them doing several different jobs, and are grateful for the many community volunteers who have agreed to assist.

A motion was passed to donate \$100 to the Terry Fox Run, September 14 to supply refreshments. Lion Lloyd McCoy is organizing the event.

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Magic of masks makes Faust one-of-a-kind performer

By **Rolly Ethier**

Rob Faust, a former star Louisiana high school and college athlete, is a distinctively unique one-man show who for many years has been proving that masks are magic.

His affinity with masks is legendary, almost on an equal footing with another famed masked man, the Lone Ranger, who rode his faithful horse Silver as he single-handedly battled wrongdoing in the wild west. Faust, on the other hand, has been single-handedly winning the hearts of his audience for the past 20 years without the horse but disguised as many other unusual and outlandish characters.

Now with a history of having performed in major theatre venues worldwide, including the Kennedy Centre in Washington, Faust is coming to Warkworth Oct. 17th to unleash his riveting presence at the Town Hall for the Arts. The show, which has an 8 p.m. starting time, comes to the area under the sponsorship of Spirit of the Hills.

Introducing himself at a media gathering recently, Faust explained his style of extraordinary entertainment.

"Other people incorporate masks into their plays but I don't know anyone else as focused on the mask, and its meaning, as I am because this is not a play although it is play for me," said the six-foot-two Faust, whose company Faustwork Mask Theatre is now based in Toronto.

"I've been rehearsing for 20 years so reaction is like breathing but I'm out there to have fun," says Rob. "It's very structured because I know which masks I will use and I know what I intend to say but there's also a certain amount of improvisation."

He brought along a sam-

pling of his stunning masks including oversized ones and half-masks that allow him to speak. He uses them in his fast-moving performances while employing dance, physical and verbal characterization, pantomime, stand-up comedy, sight gags, slapstick and audience participation.

"Seriously Artistic"

Described as both inventive and magical, the New York Times described one of Rob's shows as having "achieved serious artistic ends... lovely and unpretentious, provocative and hilariously hyperbolic."

Adding and subtracting

from his shows, depending on the type of audience, Faust says he essentially performs with the same material but changes the timing and vocabulary.

"I can do a corporate meeting for a bunch of guys in suits in a fancy hotel and two days later I could be at an elementary school performing for three-year-olds," he explains.

He said masks have a universal appeal, never ceasing to intrigue people.

"We see a little bit of ourselves reflected in the masks," he notes. "There's

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"I've been rehearsing for 20 years so reaction is like breathing but I'm out there to have fun. It's very structured because I know which masks I will use and I know what I intend to say but there's also a certain amount of improvisation."

Rob Faust, Founder and Artistic Director of Faustwork Mask Theatre.

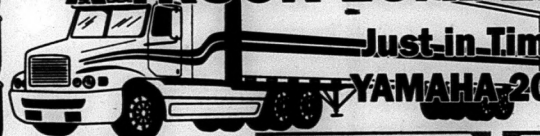


Who Is the Real Rob Faust? The many masks of Rob Faust runs the gamut to hilariously funny to frightening as he introduces a menagerie of nearly 20 characters to his audience in his unique one-man performance. He has delighted audiences in 48 U.S. states, Australia, Hong Kong and Canada. He is currently operating his theatre company out of Toronto and is applying for permanent Canadian residence status. photo/Rolly Ethier.

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Faust exploits masks in his distinctive one-man show

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a kind of absurdity that happens when you have a frozen expression in a moving body and we do like to believe in magic."

Faust has had a long time to study the philosophy of the mask, having been involved initially in 1983.

"It's all about body language and connecting with the audience," he says. "When it happens we gladly suspend our system of disbelief. It's why we all go see movies, plays and watch television. We know it's not real but it's a form of escapism, an attempt to be transformed into a different world."

Early in his career Faust says there was a lot of improvisation. He would turn around to see a wall of masks and wonder which ones he would put on next. He would allow a mood to strike him but over the years his performance has become set and "I now improvise within the structure."

"It keeps me sane," he points out. "If it was a script that I had to follow, the show would have driven me nuts years ago."

Makes His Masks

Faust creates all of his own masks, some carved out of wood, and some made out of leather, celastic or latex.

He said he doesn't base his masks on other cultures where there is symbolism or paint schemes.

"I'm going for happy, sad, shy, angry and then finding a reason for having those emotions on stage and with the audience," he explains. Some are half masks so his mouth is free to speak and there isn't such a dominant expression, allowing him to do five different emotions with one mask.

The personable artist grew up in New Orleans, and was an exceptional athlete in football, basketball and track. He was all-state in football and basketball and Louisiana State.

He played a year of college basketball but decided he was physically inferior as a centre when he found himself facing opponents of six-foot-10 to seven feet in height.

A little later he got started with masks attending theatre classes and discovered he had a knack for it.

"All of a sudden a light went off because of my

whole background in New Orleans, having enjoyed the Mardi Gras every year. I experienced the power and the fun of using masks and it continued on from there," Faust recalls.

It was when he was living in San Francisco and taking classes in Berkeley taught by Leonard Pitt, who had studied under mime masters in France and Bali, that he received an education in the two disciplines—using masks to perform and learning to make his own masks.

Big Local Fan

One of Rob's biggest fans is Nina Keough, a third generation professional puppetbuilder and puppeteer who lives in the Warkworth

area. Nina and her husband met Faust in the summer of 2002 during one of his performances in Haliburton. She was so impressed she signed up for his mask movement class.

Having moved to Toronto three years ago, Faust is currently in the middle of applying for permanent residence status.

He's looking forward to his appearance in Warkworth because he says he likes a diverse community audience who hopefully hasn't seen anything like his Masked Messenger before. Rob also makes some of his masks available for sale and will have some on display on a table before and after the Oct. 17th concert.

Artist introduced at library

Campbellford--A showing of oil paintings by Campbellford artist Shirley Wijatyk was introduced at the Campbellford/Seymour Library Tuesday night as Spirit of the Hills held its opening reception. The exhibit continues through Nov. 5th.

You could refer to Shirley's progress in the art world as a journey from the out-house to oils. Her interest in art started many years ago when her family had a cottage and just for fun she began painting their neighbour's outhouse doors. Then she drew and painted all kinds of things like animals, faces and landscapes. At the same time she caused quite a stir by painting eye balls with flowers around them on the side of their cottage.

When she and her husband retired Shirley spent time in Florida and joined art classes, working in watercolour, pen, ink, coloured pencils and finally oils. She has chosen oils as her

favourite medium because she says, "they are very forgiving." Many of paintings on exhibit at library are superb landscapes. See artist on page



Shirley Wijatyk opens her art exhibit at the Campbellford/Seymour Library



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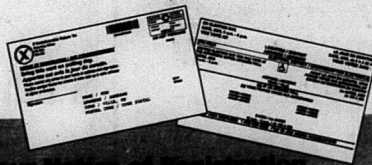
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Markle, O'Donahue snare honours in Pine Ridge Lefty-Righty tourney

Dalewood star Chris Markle teamed up with Don O'Donahue of Kawartha

Golf Club in Peterborough to claim the Lefty Righty Tournament crown at the Pine Ridge Golf and Country Club Friday, Sept. 5th. The pair combined on the alternate shot competition for a 12-under-par 59.

One hundred and thirty-six golfers took part in the

popular annual competition.

Play featured a hole in one by Greg Horsley of Port Hope. He aced the 140-yard 12th hole with an eight iron.

Sonny Mohammad and his Toronto partner captured A Flight honours. B Flight saw a two-way tie for first place between the teams of

Bob Foster and Steve Preston and Ken Runions and Rob Fife. In C Flight, Al Ingram and Mike Oliver claimed the top prize while Scott Johnson and Jim Witcher teamed up to earn the E Flight title. E Flight honours went to Drew Hoard and Dale Hoard.



Port Hope golfer Greg Horsley (left) gets congratulations for his hole-in-one from Pete Crate, Pine Ridge General Manager.

Salt Creek golf aids Medical Centre

Warkworth—The Salt Creek Golf Club was the scene of the first annual Warkworth Medical Centre benefit tournament Aug. 27th.

Organizers from the Warkworth Community Service Club are indebted to major contributors Marion and Don Laver, who donated the club for the successful event.

Seventy two golfers had an enjoyable time on a beautiful day. There was no winner of the \$10,000 hole-in-one prize on the 5th hole. However, Walter Banit of Warkworth performed his magic with an ace on the sixth hole.

Other winners included Paul Kim, Bill Newman and Calvin Newman, who had low gross in the scramble format. They graciously declined their prize money to the Medical Centre.

As the sun set in the west, Hayden Taylor fed the hungry crowd and the players and guests journeyed home after a fun time for a great cause.

Forthcoming Marriage



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Gary Alex (centre) of Pine Ridge congratulates winners Chris Markle of Dalewood and Don O'Donahue of Kawartha Golf Club in Peterborough.

Artist introduced at Campbellford Library

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scapes.

Since moving to Campbellford to live, Shirley has been taking lessons from Norm Green in Hastings and says his guidance has been a huge factor in her development.

Last fall she entered several of her paintings in the Norwood Fair and won several awards. Born in Toronto, and raised by her grandmother in Scarborough, Shirley has two children and three grandchildren. The majority of her works are derived from original photos she has taken in various parts of the country.



Elizabeth and her son

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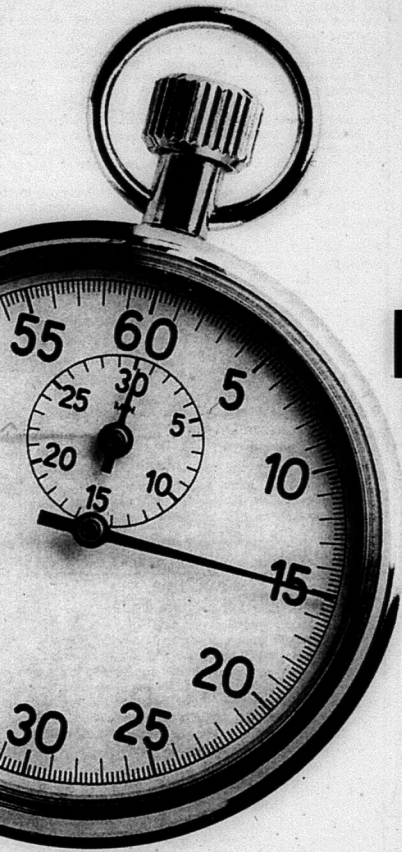
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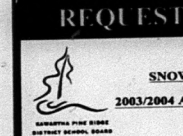
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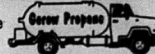
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Social issues dominate 'bread and butter' debate



John Wilson of Farms, not Factories, asks a question of the candidates.

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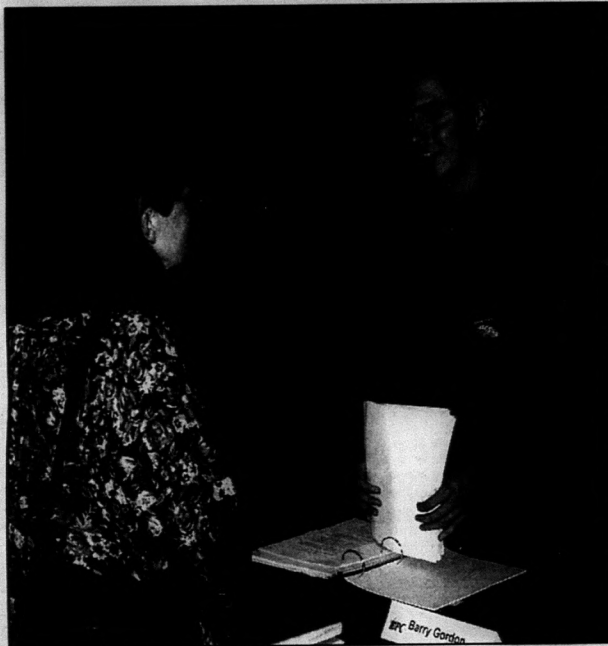
'Timing is right' for Adam Scott

By Brian Dunning

Undaunted that his party historically is not a major player in provincial politics, Adam Scott believes by running for the Green Party of Ontario he can offer the residents of Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington an alternative voice in the legislature. The 24-year-old Napanee native has been involved with the Green Party for a number of years but this is his first foray into politics.

Scott is a firm believer in proportional representation, one of the main planks in his party's platform. He said the present system of "first past the post" puts voters at a disadvantage in that while the candidates with the most votes wins, the majority of voters may have cast ballots for other parties. This results in the majority not being represented in the legislature, he said. "Their votes are wasted."

Scott's second concern is the trend towards larger and larger farm operations. He said the Green Party supports family farms. Not only



Adam Scott at the candidates' debate in Madoc.
photo / Lawrence McAllister

do "mega farms" present a potential for polluting the environment on a large scale but they also force smaller farms to expand in order to compete.

The Community-based Economics platform of his party calls for more cooperatives, and an increase in value-added organic food. The party also is calling for the phase-out of factory farming.

He said more support is needed not just for small farms but small rural businesses as well.

On health care he said "we feel there is a need for an increase in access to all types of health care." A key component of the party's platform is planning for healthier and better lifestyles, he said. To that end the party would fund other forms of health care such as community health centres and holistic medicine.

On education, he said his

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sets over \$5,000.

Rates frozen

Ontario Works benefits were cut by 21.6% in 1995 and have been frozen since then. With inflation, this has been a total effective cut of over 34%. Disqualification rules have become punitive, ranging from a 3 month penalty to a lifetime ban. Candidates were asked how they'd alleviate hardship for those who receive such benefits and how they'd improve the program.

Sutherland said an NDP government would review the income levels and lift the shelter allowance to 85% of the average. Dombrowsky said the province under a Liberal government would

create a rent bank so people wouldn't lose their homes, that welfare would be indexed to inflation, and that lifetime bans would be lifted. Scott said that urban and rural areas needed different rules, and his focus would be on hands-on job placements.

The number of women murdered by their partners increased by 25% in 2001, and the largest increase was seen in Ontario. Candidates were asked what they'd do to protect women and children who are victims of domestic violence and all agreed they'd increase core funding for shelters. Dombrowsky said that more affordable housing and childcare would improve the situation, and Scott insisted the cause of the increase must be determined.

Sutherland said a legal, social, and economic framework must be created so that victims can get out of abusive relationships, and that the NDP would implement all of the May and Hadley inquiry recommendations.

When asked about improving services for people experiencing mental health issues, Scott answered that everyone "should have access to mental health professionals as well as a GP; they can't be left out in the cold." Dombrowsky said the Liberals would create a database to get a handle on the problem, and a Mental Health Services Registry with 24/7 toll free numbers and web access. Sutherland said the problem dated back 20 years when mental health was "deinstitutionalized" and has suffered from "profound neglect" over the last 8 years.

Candidates were asked how they would improve services and financial assistance to children with special needs and their families. Sutherland said funding caps would be removed, as group homes are closing due to lower funding. Dombrowsky said her party has pledged \$50 million in children's mental health services, and that this money is needed to also ensure continuity of care. Scott said a lift of the freeze on funding would be "automatic" and that this would ease strain on group homes.

The last question concerned affordable housing. Dombrowsky said the Liberals pledge the construction of 20,000 units. Scott said he'd pressure the federal government to make shelter a human right, and that non-profit groups are on the front lines of the problem and they are the experts. Sutherland said housing is a basic right. "The NDP built 50,000 housing units in the middle of a recession," he said, "and now they [the Conservatives] are in an economic expansion - and they've made a two billion dollar deficit, and they've downloaded housing."

With the floor open for questions from the public, John Wilson from Farms

Not Factories, a group trying to prevent the opening of a hog factory in Tweed, asked the candidates what they would do about intensive livestock operations (ILO). Dombrowsky said she supports family farms: "I'd suggest that farmers are the first stewards of the environment." She said a definition of ILO's was needed, as some farmers were worried they might be defined as such themselves. Scott said he'd promote family farms, which are small businesses. Sutherland said that ILO's would simply be banned in the province, and that there was already a functional definition of them in the Nutrient Management Act. "People want food that's produced humanely," he said.

One voter asked if, since MPP's were making \$100,000 last year and up to \$123,000 in 2004, they would be willing to freeze their salaries at 2002 levels and donate the difference between that, and minimum wage, to shelters. Dombrowsky seemed taken aback with the question, and told the questioner that she actually made somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$85,000. "I never voted myself a pay increase," she said, "and you have no idea, sir, what I contribute to charities." The incumbent then said "I will not accept a 25% increase, I promise you that," which drew applause from the crowd. Sutherland disputed her version, however, and a brief, quiet exchange took place.

A student from CHSS asked about climbing auto insurance rates, in particular for those his age. Scott said the insurance system needed an overhaul. Sutherland said "For-profit insurance companies will not act responsibly," and that public insurance schemes have survived various governments because they work. Dombrowsky wondered why, if public insurance was such a good thing, the NDP didn't implement it, since they promised to do so when they were in power but never did. She said the Liberals would look at more buses on the roads, so that, unfortunately for the young driver, perhaps he wouldn't need a car after all.

Gordon missing

Sutherland drew the most applause from the clearly partisan audience, but Dombrowsky was close behind, and Scott was well spoken.

Clearly, though, some in the crowd would have liked to have seen Barry Gordon, the Progressive Conservative candidate, defend his government's strategies, even though the atmosphere would have been decidedly non-neutral.

Gordon said he had already committed to as many debates as he could, and that instead of meeting with what he felt would be a group of decided voters, he campaigned that evening in Madoc.

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Centre Hastings Medical Centre Board needs public's help

By Mary Lou Dumka

Madoc-The Centre Hastings Medical Centre Board (CHMB) is gearing up to start searching for another doctor and nurse practitioner to serve the Madoc area and needs your help.

They will be sending recruiters to the University Medical Schools Job Fairs at the end of this month with the hope of attracting graduates and undergraduates to the benefits of living and practicing in Centre Hastings. "There is no funding available to cover the costs involved in recruiting the doctors," says Crichton Harrop representative of CHMB.

The price tag for attending these fairs comes high at \$2,000.00. This money will cover the rental of space and a booth at the job fairs, transportation throughout Ontario, accommodations and meals for the two delegates who will be representing Madoc. The five medical schools hold job fairs for one week each fall. The delegates, Dr. Janet Yorston and Mike Sniderhan CHMB representative will spend the week traveling, in order to represent Madoc at one medical school per day, for the week.

To cover these costs CHMB is selling buttons for \$5.00 in a booth at the Madoc Agricultural Fair. The

fair will be held this Friday, September 19th until Sunday, September 21st. "We are open to all ideas, and look for the best people we can find that want to live in Centre Hastings.

Two doctors are presently servicing Madoc. Dr. Janet Yorston replaced retiring Dr. Derry. The other Dr. is Dr. Dosaj who practices in Madoc and Marmora.

Dr. Dosaj does not use facilities. If you are concerned about the shortage of medical services, including doctors, then now is the time to show solidarity as a region. Come out and support your municipality in the recruitment of medical staff for your community.

Committee Meeting

A committee meeting will be held, Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Madoc at the old town hall.

"There are plans in the works," says Harrop "there are plans in the future to move towards establishing a community health care centre that would be owned and operated by the municipality."

Their future goal explains Harrop "Is to attract one more doctor and nurse practitioner to provide health care to the area."

Crichton Harrop is a retired schoolteacher, involved in Kiwanis and is a councillor.

Rural Mail Carriers Alert Program comes to Madoc and Stirling

By Mary Lou Dumka

Stirling-Community Care of Central Hastings is pleased to announce the Rural Mail Carriers Alert Program for local residents. The Program is a partnership with Canada Post, the mail carriers and Community Care.

How it works

If a mail carrier noticed something amiss when delivering the mail to Community Care Clients they will contact the Community Care Office and the office staff will make sure that their clients are all right. If the client has a mailbox and don't get mail delivery, then the staff at the post office will contact Community Care if the mail starts piling up.

Warning signs

Warning signs that rural couriers may observe, could be mail not being picked when it has always been picked up promptly, when immaculate properties show signs of neglect, or if curtains are left drawn for a period of time when they have always remained open.



Local heroes in front of Stirling Post Office (from left to right) Sharlene Holde, Middle Program Coordinator, Ruth Thompson and Debbie Brown. Photo by Mary Lou Dumka

The mail carriers are extremely observant on their rounds and have performed this service in the past however this is a way of formalizing the procedure. "This is something that every carrier agreed to do in order to better serve the public and help people who may be falling through the cracks," explains Midle. "They are our local heroes and were very receptive to the idea from the very beginning."

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On September 15th 2003 members of Project Longarm with the assistance from the Central Hastings OPP, Stirling-Rawdon Police Service and OPP Emergency Response Team executed the warrants.

One male was arrested when he was observed coming from a marijuana harvesting area. Three other accused persons were subsequently arrested while ac-

tively harvesting the plants.

The estimated street value of the seizure is over six million dollars.

Forty-two year old Peter Strachan, 45 year old Valerie Borris, 40 year old Andrew Campbell and 20 year old Michael Spatola from the Stirling-Rawdon area were arrested and charged with numerous drug and criminal code offences. At the time of the media release they were in custody pending a bail hearing.

Michael Spatola is also wanted on an outstanding charges from the Central Hastings OPP. The investigation is continuing.

Free Internet Classes

By Mary Lou Dumka

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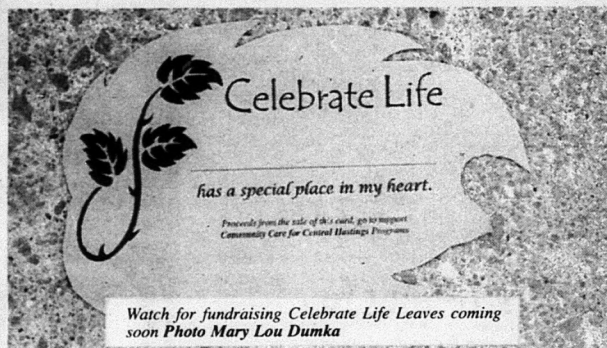
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Stirling Manor. The meeting will take place in the Floor One Sitting Room of the Manor. Everyone is welcome. The meetings will offer information, conversation and support.

Music For small churches comes to Madoc

Madoc—The Royal School Church Music (Eastern Ontario Branch) is holding a workshop in Madoc. The workshop is entitled Music For Small Churches and will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at Trinity United Church in Madoc.

Workshop
The workshop begins at 10 a.m. with coffee. Dr. Les Bryant will conduct the morning session from 10:00

a.m. until 12:00 Noon, entitled "Choir and Congregational Music, Recommended Repertoire in Various Styles". They will break for a brown bag lunch between 12:00 Noon until 1:15 p.m. From 1:15 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. Rev. John Uttley will conduct the session "How to Make the Best Use of Your Pipe/Electronic Organ or Keyboard." The workshop is for beginners or those wanting a refresher course.

Registration
Registration deadline is September 27th, 2003. Fees for the workshops are \$20.00 for a.m. or p.m. session (\$15.00 for members) or \$25.00 for both sessions (\$20.00 for members).

For further information contact Peter Shepherd, (R.S.C.M.) Chair of the Eastern Ontario Branch at (613) 342-3124. The organization is nonprofit.

Impaired charges

On September 12th in the early morning hours a Central Hastings OPP was patrolling Hwy 62 in the Thurlow Ward of the City of Belleville. The officer observed a vehicle weaving in the lane and stopped the vehicle. As a result, Jeremy Smith 24, of Marmora was

arrested and charged with impaired driving and driving with over 80mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood. He was released from custody and is to appear in Belleville Court on September 28th.

Legion awards dinner

September 20th at 6:00p.m. Branch 228 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Stirling will hold their Honours and Award Dinner. R.S.V.P. by September 18th. Thursday, October 25th they will be hosting an "Afternoon Tea". The doors open at 12:45p.m. Tea will be served around 4:00. Two seniors clubs will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

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Meeting Oprah would be a dream come true

Grace Patterson feels special affinity with "down to earth" celebrity

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - Everything is possible and the dreams and wishes that resonate in our hearts often have a wonderful way of surprising even the staunchest of optimists.

For Grace Patterson, a Pleasant Meadow Manor Nursing Home resident and well-known member of the Asphodel-Norwood community, meeting celebrated American talk show host and entrepreneur Oprah Winfrey is something she has often dreamed about and is the latest "Wish Upon a Star" wish that has been drawn from the special wooden well that Pleasant Meadow has used since launching its inspiring program last spring.

This is the first time that a resident has wished to meet someone in the rarefied world of show business and staff and friends at Pleasant Meadow and across the Omni Healthcare network are going to make every effort to help Grace fulfill her desire to meet Oprah.

"She is quite down to earth," Grace says of Chicago's most famous citizen. It is a characteristic that Grace herself shares with Oprah.

"I watch it (the TV show)



Photo/Bill Freeman

"I think I would get along quite nicely with her."

Grace Patterson

as much as I can. She would be a very nice person to meet. She is so natural and talks about things that most people understand."

Even with her position at the very top of the show business ladder, Grace doesn't think Oprah would be a "pushy kind of a person."

"I think I would get along

quite nicely with her," says Grace.

It is a very large wish, admits Pleasant Meadow administrator Connie Garden, but that certainly will not deter the Pleasant Meadow family from trying to make it come true.

Chris Charlebois, Life

See Grace on Pg. 9-A

It's a homecoming of sorts for new United church Minister

Campbellford High grad takes on Norwood-Westwood charge

Asphodel-Norwood - For the Rev. Sue Paterson, who was ordained in New Zealand and has ministered in Scotland, the appointment as Minister to the Norwood-Westwood United Church Pastoral Charge, was something of a homecoming.

Born in the Stirling area,

she grew up in the farming community of Burnbrae and attended Campbellford District High School.

When she met her husband, Mike, and moved to his native New Zealand, however, she was in her early 20s and, like many of her generation, alienated from the

church. Later, when the couple moved to Nova Scotia and bought a small farm holding near Middle Musquodoboit, the rural seasonal rhythms and the birth of a daughter began to summon her back to an awareness of her own spirituality.

But it was in New Zealand, after the family's return to the south Pacific in 1980,

See Sue on Pg. 9-A



Preparing For the Future—A bulldozer and high hoe work in concert finalizing work on the 118-foot wide by eight foot deep manure facility at Bill Petherick's heritage farm at Petherick's Corners. Many other area farms have either done or are contemplating doing likewise. The facility will make it easier for the Petherick farm to comply with ongoing Nutrient Management Act legislation. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Preparing for the inevitable: nutrient disposal compliance

By Rolly Ethier

A bulldozer and high hoe move dirt around with precision along the perimeter of what looks like an enormous moon crater.

Crew Manager Peter Lauesen checks out the project which seems to be going extremely well, looking over a circular area dug eight feet into the ground and spanning 118 feet across the cavity.

What's this mammoth hole in the ground all about? You might call it an investment in the future, preparing for the tough nutrient management legislation that farmers will have to comply with over the next few years.

This particular project is happening on Bill Petherick's 700-acre heritage farm at Petherick's Corners. Bill had decided to expand the rear end of his dairy barn and felt this was a good time to install the manure facility. This pit is designed to handle 850,000 gallons at one time or a full year of manure waste from his dairy animals.

The facility is equipped with a manure pump, with the nutrient materials flow-

ing through a pipe into the pit.

"It can then be emptied in roughly two days so we can continue to operate into the future," said Petherick.

Adhering to Act

Bill is among a number of farmers in the region preparing for the inevitable as the provincial government cracks down following the Walkerton tragedy to ensure that Ontario has and enforces "the toughest drinking water standards in the world."

"The addition definitely helps cut down on our fertilizer bill," advised Petherick, who has been operating the big farm since 1958. His grandfather farmed there originally.

Monitoring of the Nutrient Management Act is the combined responsibility of both the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE). It will be carried out using a three-tier approach—proactive farm visits by OMAF staff, complaint response by the OMAF and investigation and potentially prosecution by MOE.

The Act enables OMAF staff to request records that support the application of manure or other prescribed materials and the provision of soil and water samples for analysis if the need arises. The agency can also require that the producer take preventative measures if water quality is seriously impaired or the environment is put at risk.

To date the government has implemented 14 recommendations from Part One of the Walkerton Inquiry. Of the 93 Part Two recommendations, four have been put into effect while 54 are being implemented through major new legislation: the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act and the Nutrient Management Act. Work is progressing on the remaining 35 Part Two recommendations through such measures as the source protection planning initiative and research activities.

Realize the Need
 After Walkerton, most responsible farmers, like Bill Petherick, realized and ac-

See Preparing on Page 7A

NDP hopeful decries rural school closing

Dave Nickle makes another bid for Peterborough seat

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - The privatization of public services, rural school closings and the growing doctor shortage are at the centre of Dave Nickle's radar screen as he campaigns across the Peterborough riding during election 2003.

The Peterborough high school teacher is battling against incumbent MPP Gary Stewart, Liberal Jeff Leal, Tim Holland of the Green Party and independent Bob Bowers.

"We are at a crossroads in this province," says Mr. Nickle.

Mr. Nickle says his party

is "very clear on public services being in public hands" and offers voters a "very clear choice" on the issue of privatizing those public services such as health care, hydro and water.

"Public services are the most efficient and cost effective way of giving services that are fair and equitable," he argues.

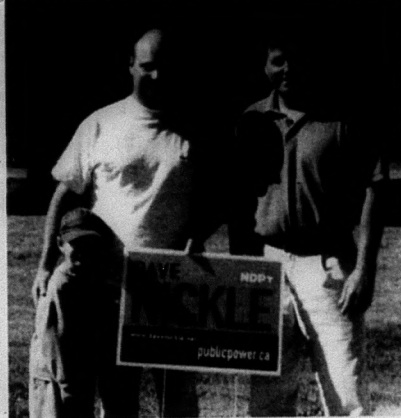
Mr. Nickle says across the County municipal officials have expressed concerns over the increasing burden of responsibilities downloaded by the province without sufficient financial support to municipalities to take them on.

In Havelock-Belmont-

Methuen he says there are worries over water treatment. Lakefield Smith-Ennismore is concerned over the bridges and roads. The elimination of 40 per cent of the province's water inspectors puts the squeeze on municipalities as well, he adds.

"You can't download these responsibilities on Councils without giving them any financial way to do that job."

Mr. Nickle says the NDP believes power should remain a public asset and does not feel that the current government is committed to a fully regulated public system. He also says farmers are "most upset" over the government's definition of what constitutes small businesses protected by the hy-



"We are at a crossroads in this province."

Dave Nickle

dro rate freeze -- a company using less than 150,000 kw of electricity a year. Above that, and they pay the fluctuating rate.

Mr. Nickle also talks about school closings and consolidations which alarmed area residents following a recent commissioned report presented to the local public school. He blames the province's educational funding formula for undermining the role of small schools, particularly in rural communities.

"This government doesn't realize the value of a school to a community, especially a small community."

The much-criticized funding formula is "broken and inadequate," Mr. Nickle says, particularly as it affects small schools. The formula, he adds, does not make provisions for full-time principals, guidance counsellors or secretaries in small, rural schools -- "services that are vital to our children."

Mr. Nickle says he has "no quarrel" with a school closing because of age knowing that it will be replaced by a "new, modern facility."

"The problem I have is (the) artificial closing due to a totally inadequate underfunded funding formula."

Mr. Nickle says centralized decision making at Queen's Park has caused many of the education-related problems.

"They have no concept of what the school means to Norwood or what the funding formula is doing in terms of transportation."

The government, he says, has "stripped trustees of any real decision-making powers."

"When you deal with the current government and its representatives it's pretty much a fait d'accompli. There's no real consultation. "Consultation is true dialogue," he says. "You speak to each other (and use) your

expertise to solve problems. Mr. Nickle says the formula is "school boards to choose" and we (they) decide is going to be harmful to kids. We choose you make it to be detrimental to body."

The other big issue Nickle and the NDP care. He says the Romans dors the Roman port.

"I think we're a with the report," he worries the infusion of dollars will not "intrusion of the prior in health care."

Health care, should remain funded and public interest.

Mr. Nickle says nity Health (CHC) can help solve of the problems facing many health care in Ontario -- doctor shortage being just one of them.

Having a full circle of health care professionals working together will take the pressure off physicians and making in rural communities much more attractive for recent graduates and specialists says.

Mr. Nickle would make it easier for 3,000 foreign-trained doctors living in Ontario not now practising

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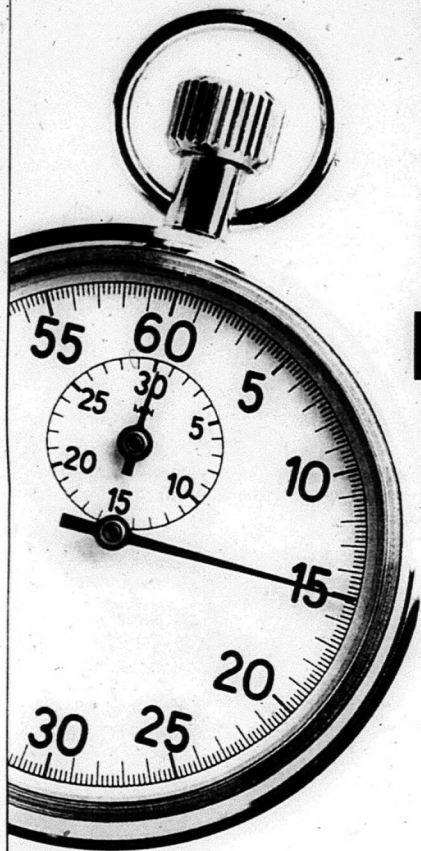
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Preparing for the inevitable

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cepted the need to comply with the new drinking water protection policies. As a good neighbour, he believes it is

necessary to do whatever is required to protect the water table.

As a long-time politician of 27 years in the Camp-

bellford/Seymour area, Bill Petherick is not depending on government assistance to help finance the new and expensive manure pit that will be a

long-range asset.

"It's just something that should be done as a part of doing business in a responsible manner," says the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Trent Hills.

The two-main contractors performing the work on the Petherick project are Charlie Davidson Excavating and Thomson Contracting. The heavy equipment crew includes Sheldon Renouf, doing the grading; Jack Thomson on high hoe and Bob McMillan on the bulldozer.

Dave Nickle

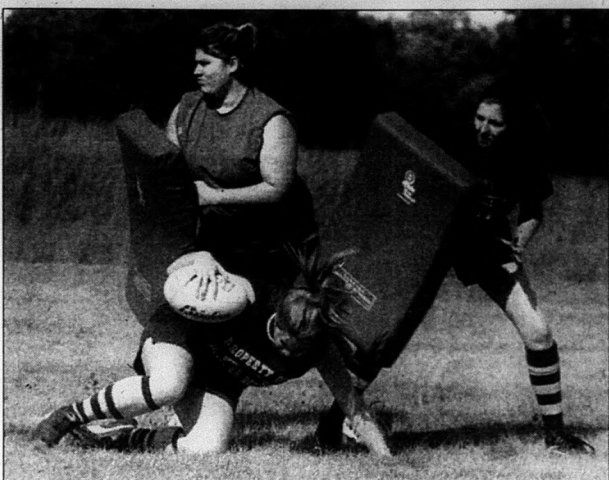
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to work as doctors if they meet accepted standards.

"There is no reason we can't use them."

He also says de-regulated medical school tuition fees have forced costs to skyrocket and "shortened the pool" of prospective students to those from affluent families.

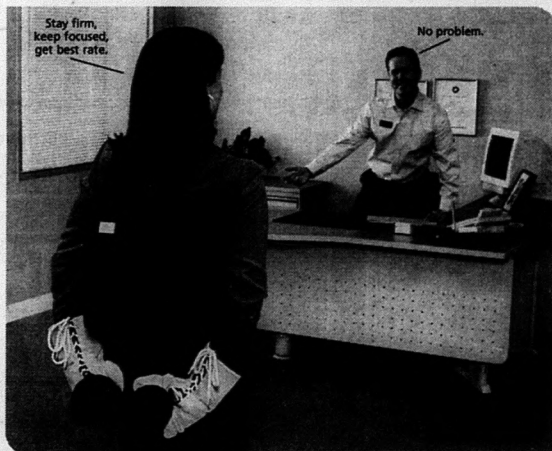
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Sue Paterson makes the long journey home

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that she found her way back to the church through a retired Methodist clergyman, the Rev. Jack Dawson, a former Second World War "padre" who was well-known for his principles and his humour.

Sue Paterson studied at the joint Anglican-Methodist St John's College seminary in Auckland, New Zealand and was ordained in 1988.

Her first role was the establishment of an ecumenical retreat facility in partnership with a Catholic Marist brother at Mt Tiger in northern New Zealand.

"It was the spirituality of Christianity that drew me, rather than the institutional

church," Rev. Paterson says. "So often the 'church' fails dismally to open that wealth of wisdom to people so that, of course, people become alienated."

But from there, she entered parish ministry in Wellington, becoming known for her spiritual development workshops, pastoral care and creative worship.

The move to Scotland followed in 1995 where she was engaged as minister for the Methodist congregations of Wallacestone and Armadale in central Scotland - an area which had suffered from the loss of coal mining and steel industries in the mid 20th century.

"It was hard there, but



Rev. Sue Paterson, Norwood/Westwood United Church Pastoral Charge

"I've always valued my Canadian identity and have often had reason to be proud of it, and especially of my rural Ontario background."

Rev. Sue Paterson

rewarding in many ways, and I am pleased to have some very firm friends there," she says. "But in due course, I felt drawn home."

"I've always valued my Canadian identity and have often had reason to be proud of it, and especially of my rural Ontario background. At the same time, New Zealand and Scotland have taught me a lot and given me much that I hope I can helpfully share -- coming 'home' is

It's great now to be my Canadian. They've all been ours.

"We have come to Norwood-Westwood. People here have been wonderfully welcoming. My daughter, Alanna, became engaged to a very much like a new beginning."

not coming 'back'.

"I've been away a long time and in many ways I'm a different person, having experienced so much in a wide and colourful world."

Grace and Oprah would get along very well indeed

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Enrichment Supervisor at the nursing home, has already e-mailed officials with the Oprah show explaining the program and has received an initial reply.

"We're going to do our best to get you there," Connie says. "Everybody is pulling together."

Beyond the first contact with the show, Connie says they hope to rally support in the community, encouraging people to write to Oprah about Grace's wish. Pleasant Meadow has prepared a special form letter that outlines the purpose of the program and the fact that Grace, touched by Oprah's genuine goodness, is the latest person to have her wish pulled from the well.

And at the corporate level, Connie says OMNI Healthcare is prepared to use its contacts across the continent to further the campaign.

Connie is hopeful that Oprah can do something for Grace.

"No wish is too big or too small. It will be a challenge for us but we knew we had to do something."

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"If nothing else we'll have fun with each other."

But they are aware of Oprah's unique ability to

connect with people. She's hopeful that she will personally to Grace.

"It would be that's for sure," "I'd go if I were to be excited if I plane."

"I'm beginning the Queen of Grace she says of her found celebrity."

Grace and her a long associating phodel and Nor and her husband farm near Westv years and when Alex passed moved to the vil

A recent OMNI editorial talked about Oprah wish.

"Wishes are indeed," it said. "Faith, a small should they cor way we think works might ju after all."

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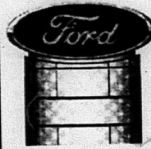


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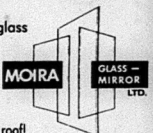
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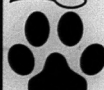
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Madoc Agricultural Fair big winner!



Michael Luckasayitch and Sarah Lebow of Madoc are holding a couple of impressive snakes that are not native to Ontario. Michael is holding a corn snake and Sarah is holding a bull snake. The snakes were provided by Jenny Pearce. Photo by Mary Lou Dumka

By Mary Lou Dumka
Madoc-Beautiful blue skies and warm weather made this year's event a hit with everyone in attendance at the Madoc Agricultural Fair.

Interesting exhibits included snakes, horse pulls, antique engines. Farm animals with their coats gleaming waited for their turn in the judging ring.

Great food! Wonderful aromas!

Weather, animals,

events, food and their aromas blended with the warm breeze to create a magical day.

It was a return to a simpler times when agricultural communities would gather together to celebrate the very best that their simple life had to offer.

Friendly, people their faces smiling moved a little slower than usual. Pride in community "We are Madoc, they seem to say "and we love it here".



Jaclyn Sills and Shawn Ray of Roslin wait patiently for their turn in the ring with 6 month old Marvra and 5 month old April Wine. Photo by Mary Lou Dumka



Alyson Guthrie, from Shannonville on her horse. Photo by Mary Lou Dumka



Carter-3, Peyton-4, 7-month old Brock and their mom Nicky, from Madoc inspired by the giant pumpkins. Photo by Mary Lou Dumka

April Hanna and her pals, Igloo, Izzy and Idaho, three Alaskan Huskies took a breather from the excitement of the Madoc Fair.

The puppies have been busy telling everybody about the 9th Annual Eldorado Gold Cup being held January 10th and 11th 2004 at the Madoc Township Recreation Hall in Eldorado.

The 14-week old puppies are owned by Scott Shaw from the Stirling, Eldorado area. These pups are still too young to pull a sled in the upcoming competition. Next year they will start training, but won't be ready to race

until 2005.

The sled races will be comprised of eight dog teams. The race Saturday (the 10th) will be 40 miles and Sunday's (the 11th) race will be 20 miles. Fastest over all time will be declared the winner.

Sunday will also be the day when the children can try out their racing skills with a "Little Nipper Race". Sandra Hannah, chair person for the event said "There will be exhibits all weekend long in the rec. centre, and it will offer a full canteen. We will be serving the excellent chili that got the O.P.P. seal of



approval last year. There will be a hot roast beef dinner on Saturday, January 10th. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advance. An awards ceremony will be held on Sunday (the 11th) at 3:00 p.m. For information about this event call 967-2781 or 473-1171.

Fall is here: it's time to plant bulbs

by John C. Ward

If you intend to plant spring-flowering bulbs this fall, now's the time to buy them and get them into the ground, according to Linda Purves, assistant manager of Cannon Nurseries of Trenton. Purves was the featured speaker at the September 15 meeting of the Stirling and

District Horticultural Society.

The most common garden bulbs for fall planting are the crocus, narcissus (daffodil), iris, hyacinth and tulip. Others, not so well known but equally beautiful, are allium, fritillaria and scilla. Buying and planting them is easy, said Purves, but certain rules should be followed:

- Buy this year's bulbs. Don't buy cheap bulbs in the grocery store; they may have been forced and won't bloom for a couple of years. Buy from a reputable nursery or seed house.

- Buy in bulk if possible, or in clear plastic packs with air holes. Make sure you

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Conservation Authorities tracking potential flood threat from hurricane Isa

Quinte Conservation announced September 18th that they were closely monitoring Hurricane Isabel, in order to assess the possibility of flooding as a result of predicted rain fall, along with other Conservation Authorities across Ontario.

To prepare for the possible effects that flooding could bring; staff reviewed local watershed conditions. This included checking on the status of reservoirs, ensured that stream flow gauges were operational and contacted municipalities as required to insure that they were kept up to date of any flood threat.

Authorities' Role

Conservation Authorities monitor conditions because they are responsible for predicting river and stream flows, operating flood control structures and providing local flood warnings.

They play a significant role in flood management ensuring that critical steps are taken to protect life and property from flooding caused by weather conditions.

Hurricane Hazel

Eighty-one people died, in 1954 when Hurricane Hazel touched down in Ontario on October 15th. 4,000 people were left homeless and damages estimated at over \$180 million 2003 dollars.

Improvements

Since then improvements in monitoring and forecasting has improved. Flood control facilities were built and operational practices have been designed to respond to emerging flood conditions.

Extensive floodplain mapping and purchasing flood prone lands have also been implemented to reduce the Surface Water Monitoring Centre in Peterborough.

Lucille Fragorn Community Relations for Quinte County was happy to report there was no flooding due to the fall experienced during Hurricane Isabel.

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Fall bulbs

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can examine and feel each
bulb. They should be firm
and have a clean, undam-
aged outer skin. Buy the
largest bulbs of each type
that you can afford. Don't
buy bulbs whose roots or
stems are clearly growing.

Plant in full sun, in hu-
mus-rich soil with manure
or compost. Add bone or
blood meal if full sun is not
possible. Plant each bulb
two and a half times deeper
than the height of the bulb.

If the garden is small
and you want to maximize
the variety and colour of the
blooms, try layering —
planting the largest bulbs the
deepest, and the smaller ones
in layers above. For a con-
tinuous show, choose bulbs
that flower successively
over the spring, summer and
fall.

Chipmunks, squirrels
and skunks love newly-
planted bulbs. Plastic netting
pegged to the ground can
discourage them.

Some bulbs planted in-
doors can be in bloom by
Continued on page 11.

Donations received for doctor search

By Mary Lou Dumka

Madoc - The Centre
Hastings Medical Centre
Board Doctor Search raised
\$429.23 at the Madoc Agri-
cultural Fair last weekend to
help finance the search for
a new doctor. Said
Crichton Harrop of the
board.

This week two repre-
sentatives of the board are
traveling throughout the
province visiting medical
schools to promote the Cen-
tre Hastings area as a great
place to set up their prac-
tices.

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Cradling Arms in Madoc

By Mary Lou Dumka

Madoc - The popular
Tweed drop-in centre, Cra-
dling Arms Drop-in opened
a location in Madoc for new
moms.

Grand opening

The grand opening for
Cradling Arms Drop-in Cen-
tre took place on Thursday,
September 25, 2003, be-
tween the hours of 10:00
a.m. and 12:00 Noon at its
new home The Madoc Bapt-
ist Church at 130 St. Law-
rence Street.

The Cradling Arms Drop-
in Centre will be held every
Thursday morning from
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

It's a time for new moth-
ers with infants and moth-
ers with young children can
enjoy interacting with their
peers and share the ups and
downs of parenting. A Reg-
istered Nurse will be on-hand
to weigh your baby and an-
swer any questions you may
have about pregnancy,
breastfeeding or caring for
your baby.

Information

Lots of information is
available in the centre, in-
cluding videos, pamphlets
and presentations. There is
access to Public Health
Nurse Lactation Consultants
as well.

The Program is a partner-
ship program with Gateway
Community Health Centre,
the Early Years Initiative and
Madoc Baptist Church.

Pauline Douglas the Reg-
istered Nurse at the centre
says "Our drop-in centre in
Tweed have been very popu-
lar with new mothers."

They enjoy the peer in-
teraction a great deal". The
Tweed location has been
operating for approximately
2 years. They have invited
guest speakers to present
topics. One speaker Pauline
mentioned was a massage
therapist from Tweed, who
demonstrated massage tech-
niques to comfort babies.

See election results
next week!

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Marmora Country Jamboree weekend in pictures



Official opening of the 2nd annual Marmora Country Jamboree took place at 6pm Friday, Sept. 12. Lead band was Marmora's own Buck Warren, organizer of all the music for the three-day country musicfest. More photos on page 10. all photos/Nancy Derrer



John and Colleen Dainard sat in the shade of their trailer awning, enjoying the music. The couple learned about Marmora's Jamboree while attending an event in Trenton on the Civic Holiday weekend. They've attended six Jamborees this year.



Above:
Shucking corn for the free Saturday afternoon corn boil at the Marmora Country Jamboree were Brittany Maloney, Sherry Maloney, Diane Provost and Jeannette Goodchild. Lots of shucking going on—50 dozen ears of corn!



Winnie Evans had the crowd foot tapping along with her fiddle playing.



Dan Ireland and Elwood Hamilton entertained on Sunday.

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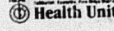
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On the move: Samantha Orton sprints past defenders during torouney action at Beavermead. Photo/Justin Jackson

Juniors off to dashing start

By Justin Jackson
(Special to The Register)

With hundreds in attendance, the Norwood District High School Junior girls rugby team competed against a number of other schools from all over Peterborough County last Thursday. The team started out with a practice which involved a series of warm-ups, sprints and "quick-hands" followed by some practice line outs and rehearsals that were to be run during the game.

Their first game was unfortunately given up to the other team but after their hands were warmed up after that match they went on to beat North Hastings 18-0.

The leadership roles displayed by Samantha Orton, Stephanie Lyons and Ashley Whitmore drastically helped the players peak their confidence level that was required for the torouney.

A special thanks to coaches Mike Burke and Linda Coons for helping direct the girls team into a squad that has vast co-operation and unquestionable positive attitude.

A very promising season for the girls looks inevitable.
(Justin is a co-operative Education student at NDHS)

Frustrating for neighbours as planners sort out issue

By Rolly Ethier

No one seems to be sure whether the Cochrane property on Crowe Lake should be classified as a lodge, a bed and breakfast, a foster home or just a family residence.

But next-door neighbours, David and Judy Hobson, are sure of one thing: The place has been a constant source of frustration for them during the past couple of years.

"We came to this area to get some peace and quiet but all we've had for the past two years is pandemonium," said David Hobson when he came to a recent Planning Committee meeting. The Hobsons were there to lodge a complaint about the noise factor and to contend that the Cochranes are in violation of their zoning classification.

Planning Director Jim Peters said concerns about the property at 4288 12th Line East first surfaced in 2002 because the property was being advertised as a lodge to accommodate groups of developmentally challenged people.

The property in question is zoned Restricted Rural (A1), which allows a bed and breakfast operation, but because this did not cover the actual utilization, the owners were told they could not continue their operation. They were advised they could change the use through a rezoning process.

Again this summer concerns were expressed because of the number of people staying and using the site. In both 2002 and 2003 it was identified that up to 15 people at a time were staying at the property, said Peters in his committee report.

After reviewing the issue at some length, the Committee approved a motion allowing nine people at one time at the Cochrane residence in order to comply with the current zoning status. With higher numbers, the Cochranes will be forced to make application for new zoning.

The owners explained that in 2003 they were caring for people for one to two weeks as the regular caregivers were on holidays. Then Peters visited the site Aug. 13th to

See Neighbors on page 6A

Candidates make their points during marathon debate

Peterborough C of C hosts gathering

By Bill Freeman

Peterborough - There was no knock-out blow during Thursday's marathon all-candidates debate at Parkway Place in Peterborough. With a full house to start and dwindling numbers at the end, the six candidates -- Gary Stewart (PC), Jeff Leal (Liberal), Dave Nickle (NDP), Tim Holland (Green Party), Max Murphy (Family Coalition), Bob Bowers (Independent) -- squared off on a number of issues with education, health care and electricity getting a good workout.

Incumbent MPP Gary Stewart said he was prepared to stand on his record.

"There have been phenomenal successes in the riding," Mr. Stewart said.

He listed the arrival of

three different dialysis units to the city and MRI and Heart Cath labs as well as the building of the new Peterborough Regional Health Centre as key successes. He also cited expansions at Fleming College and Trent University and upgrades to highway 7.

Mr. Stewart said he tried to "bring a business philosophy to Queen's Park."

"I know what a bottom line is. I know what a balanced budget is," he said. "I make decisions. Some have an affect on many of us (but) they had to be done. I don't run out of the community. I stay and make those decisions."

"We'll tell you up front what we're going to do."

Liberal hopeful Jeff Leal says the government has been "settling for the status quo."

"The status quo isn't good enough," Mr. Leal said. "We can do much better. Yes there have been tax cuts and some people have become wealthier but (we) have fallen behind in other areas."

He accused the government of squandering the opportunity they have had through eight years of strong growth and have paid for their tax cuts by adding \$24 billion to the provincial debt.

He says a Liberal government would not "ask for any more money in taxes" and will spend money "more wisely."

"Without raising taxes a penny," Mr. Leal says the Liberals will have \$4 billion to invest in new programs.

He wants to pursue the extension of the 407 as a public road to highway 115/35, bring in an regional OPP forensics lab as an "anchor" to the Trent University's DNA cluster lab, champion the building of an ethanol plant in the area and make sure Peterborough gets its "fair share" of federal-provincial housing funds.

"This election is about clear choice," NDP Dave Nickle says.

"For the past eight years we've been told we are only taxpayers and taxpayers care about only one thing: how much am I paying in taxes," Mr. Nickle says. "We are all citizens of the province and citizens have a stake in how we treat each other."

"Private health care," he said, "is not efficient if you don't have the money to pay for taxes."

"In the Ontario I grew up in we all worked together to make sure nobody was left behind. I don't want to go to an American system."

"We have lived in one hell of an uncivilized province for the past eight years," he added.

"The other parties have been re-arranging the chairs on a sinking ship," Green party candidate Tim Holland says.

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Children with multiple disabilities hurt by funding cuts

Five Counties now has waiting list of 500: CEO

Peterborough - Provincial funding cuts have left a waiting list of over 500 children waiting to receive services at Five Counties Children's Hospital, says CEO Phil Ogden.

Programs to help youngsters with physical, developmental and communication disabilities have been cut back because of funding shortfalls and Mr. Ogden says since March 6500 children have lost their program services and

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"We require annual funding increases from the province like other hospitals receive."

Ken Ogden
CEO, Five Counties Children's Hospital

Candidates face off

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Mr. Holland says "people want a change in politics" -- politics that "connects them to the earth and things they really depend on."

The public wants real action on issues like air quality which, he says, is responsible for sky-rocketing incidents of child asthma.

Mr. Holland decries the "first past the post" election system and says his party would like to see governments formed through proportional representation.

The current system is "antiquated, old and doesn't work for us. The first past the post is the reason why people don't vote. Politics is not working for people in this country."

"We have to make politics connect back to the earth," Mr. Holland said. "Every one of our platforms is based on a holistic, long-term solution that helps us live on this planet together."

Candidates were asked how their parties would deal with the education costs associated with the "double cohort" of high school graduates over the next four years.

Mr. Nickle says the NDP would "make a good start but only a start" by reducing tuition fees 10 per cent and increasing education funding to at least the national average and giving students a two-thirds break on public transit.

The Liberals, Mr. Leal said, would freeze fees for the next two years while reviewing post-secondary funding formulas. They would also increase capacity by 10 per cent over the next five years and increase "funding flows" to match that capacity.

Mr. Stewart said the Tories had pumped \$60 million into Trent and Fleming to meet double cohort challenges.

The Green Party would also move to reduce tuition fees.

Mr. Leal and Mr. Nickle were asked how revenue expectations would be met if there were tuition freezes or reductions.

Mr. Leal says his party's budget has been "verified by three prominent economists" and would meet that challenge. They would "develop a long-term funding formula" along with the commitment of \$410 million to take up the revenue slack.

Mr. Nickle said his party would "like to work towards the European model" where tuition is free.

"It is a huge business advantage to have a well-educated work force. It is doable without increasing the debt or deficit."

Another Chamber of Commerce question touched on the \$500 million a year cost involved in capping electricity rates until 2006 and moves toward future deregulation.

"It will be revenue neutral," Mr. Stewart insisted.

am very-supportive of deregulations. It will work well in the future."

He said that nobody was prepared to tackle the hydro debt until the Conservatives were elected in 1995.

"Yes, we made mistakes. Will we make more, yes (but) we'll get it solved."

Mr. Stewart added that it is important to promote conservation.

The problem with hydro distribution, Mr. Leal says, is that politicians have been "meddling far too much in the system."

"It is time to let the people who really know what they're doing get back in there and help the government."

Mr. Nickle says the NDP has been clear in their support of "public power at cost."

He says the 4.3 cent rate is "artificially low." He sees a "higher but steady" price of around 5 cents as meeting the province's needs.

There is a need for "clean, green and renewable energy

sources," Mr. Nickle said, adding that use of smart meters and other home incentives could work to reduce consumption by as much as 35 per cent.

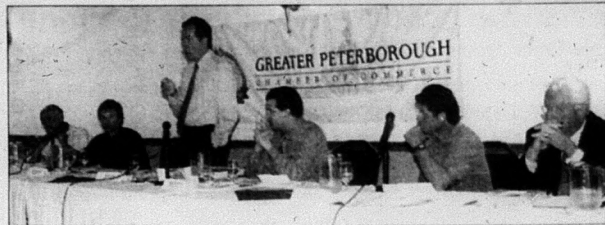
The Green Party says it is wrong to keep the cost of fossil fuel low.

Mr. Holland says they would allow the price of fossil fuels to rise so they can generate revenues to find "new ways of fuelling energy into society."

At the heart of Green Party policy, he says, is taking the burden of tax off-income and placing it on "things that make us sick and destroy our natural world."

"It just takes initiative. We have the technology now to reduce consumption by 50 per cent."

Mr. Holland says his party's motto Living Simply "doesn't mean doing without. It means doing more with less so we can all live comfortably on this planet (so) its abundance supplies all."



Campaign action: All six Peterborough Riding candidates were in action during last week's debate hosted by the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce. The marathon gathering covered a wide range of issues. Looking for votes were Bob Bowers (Independent), Tim Holland (Green Party), Jeff Leal (Liberal), Murray (Family Coalition), Dave Nickle (NDP) and MPP Gary Stewart (PC).

Photo/Bill Freeman

On the health care front, the candidates were asked what they would do to address the chronic shortage of doctors in the Peterborough area -- between 14,000 and 15,000 city and county residents do not have a family doctor.

Mr. Leal says the Liberals will "fast track" the process of allowing foreign trained doctors to practice in Ontario. They would also fund the creation of 150 new community health centres.

"This is a very positive way to move forward to address the shortage."

Mr. Nickle also said they have to "speed up" the process of accrediting foreign doctors living in Ontario.

"Public health care in a community health care setting was the way to go," he said.

He added that they must avoid burning out the doctors they do manage to attract to the area.

Mr. Stewart promoted the "local plan" he has recently introduced which he says local physicians have "bought into."

He hopes it is approved by the Ministry of Health and

becomes a provincial model. "I think the plan is excellent."

Mr. Stewart is also pleased that the County has finally been officially designated an under serviced area and now qualifies for special assistance in recruiting health professionals.

The government, he added, has doubled medical school spaces and will provide free tuition to nurses and doctors who will practice in under serviced areas.

Squirts rally to take league crown

Douro - Norwood's Burger Hut-Cornegate Foodland Squirt Storm used a good old-fashioned rally to take the Kawartha League crown during a hotly-contested tourney in Douro that brought together the league's six teams.

The Storm edged Douro #2 7-5 in the championship game to take the 2003 crown.

In the opener Norwood got off to a slow start dropping a 7-6 match to the same squad. Scoring two runs for Norwood were Taylor Page (2), including a home run, and a triple, Connor Bruce, Scott Foss, Matt Zenner and Steven Harper. Taylor Page took the loss on the mound.

The team held off the Havelock Pee Wee girls for a 9-6 win in their second game of the day. Scoring two runs each were Devin Stillman and Steven Walsh

with Page, David Lobb, Steven Gerow, Seth Hard and Bruce picking up single markers. Devin Stillman pitched the win with some relief help from Walsh.

Norwood faced the tough Peterborough Thunder in the semi-finals. The Storm started slowly with the Thunder moving front 2-0 after one inning. Taylor Page struck out the side in the second to lift the team's spirits and they responded with five runs in the bottom half of the frame.

Brian Delmastro walked, Page singled, Harper and Foss were walked then Lobb hit a home run to build up a 5-2 lead.

Norwood responded with four more runs in the third on a single by Hard, a walk to Walsh, a single by Chris Klompmaker and a fielder's choice by Delmastro to score two

runs. Page then stepped up and hit a home run to drive in the fourth run of the inning.

Peterborough, now struggling in the heat with no other eligible pitchers, conceded the game. Page picked up the win.

After their tough opening loss to Douro #2 the team was set for another close game. Norwood started strong with singles by Stillman, Walsh and Klompmaker. All scored on a triple by Page.

Douro responded in the bottom of the first with three runs to tie the score. The Storm replied in the top of the second on a double by Lobb and scored on a single by Spencer Anderson.

Douro scored two in the bottom of the second to take a 5-4 lead but Norwood struck for three runs in the top of the third to open up a

7-5 lead on a walk by Hard, single by Stillman, walk to Walsh, sacrifice fly by Klompmaker to score Hard. A Delmastro double scored Stillman and Walsh.

A combination of Page and Stillman on the mound

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Rylstone group enjoys visit to Pioneer Village

By Dorothy Thomson
Lang Pioneer Village stands as a living history of the years 1800 to 1890. The museum is situated along the Indian River in the

pretty village of Lang. It contains over 20 restored buildings of that long ago era.

One building is the old Menie General Store and Post Office of 1890. The building, brought to Lang in 1966, is well stocked with a variety of merchandise from the previous century.

Rylstone Institute members, who toured the place, saw the Keene Hotel, which has 14 rooms. Members were told that no one was ever turned away even if it meant sleeping with another family. The Innkeeper and his family lived there also.

We found the collection of old and beautiful hats, in an upstairs room, very interesting.

We were shown how the printer published the weekly newspaper and other printed forms.

Members were told of one log building moved to the village in pieces with each piece numbered. Farm animals are living there in their pens and barns. The guides were dressed in authentic costumes. Courses are taught on weekends and many demonstrations are held.



Skaters sign up: Local figure skaters are looking forward to another season of spins and jumps. Last week the Norwood District Figure Skating Club held its annual registration at the fire hall with skaters like Ashley Calder signing up for the new season. In the photo she is joined by CanPower Skate coach Pam McNevin, her mom Denise and Registration Co-Chair Trudy Smith. Photo/Bill Freeman

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Neighbors frustrated over planning issue

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conduct a tour of the property and found approximately 13 people on site including the owners and support staff.

In a letter to Council dated Sept. 1st, 2003, the Hobsons asked if the committee had a copy of the Cochrane's Lodge pamphlet, which indicates the business runs from May through October.

The Hobsons contend that the Cochrane's were told by municipal staff in September 2002 they had to cease operation or rezone the property but didn't comply and

have continued to operate as a lodge.

The issue was intended to be dealt with at Council Chambers in a closed session but the media was allowed to sit in at the insistence of the Hobsons and Council agreed.

"Are they in violation?" asked Mayor George McCleary. "We have to make that determination. If they are they must appear before Council to ask for a rezoning application. If they're not in violation, the Cochrane's should be prepared to prove that."

Squirts take title

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held Douro off the scoreboard the rest of the way.

Storm notes: Congratulations to the boys for their great season. They finished the season as League champs, ORSA finalists with a record of 18 wins and six losses...The team included Taylor Page, David Lobb, Chris Klompaker, Steve Walsh, Devin Stillman, Steve Harper, Spencer Anderson, Seth Hardy, Scott Foss, Luke Duff, Steve Gerow, Matt Zenner, Connor Bruce and Brian Delmastro, Coach Barry Walsh, Assistant Brian Gerow and Statistician Brad Walsh...Thanks to all the parents for their practice assistance, score-keeping and commitment to the team...And special thanks to the team's sponsors.

Cuts have hurt Five Counties

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waiting lists have stretched to 5 1/2 months or more.

The waiting lists and loss of treatment, he says, is devastating to children and their families and costly to taxpayers.

"A six-year-old with cerebral palsy can become self-reliant, eventually able to live and work on their own if (they have) the right amount of physical and occupational therapy at a critical time in their development," says Mr. Ogden. "But if that therapy has to be cut back to once a month because of lack of funding, the child loses ground, the opportunity is lost and it becomes almost impossible to catch up."

He says taxpayers end up paying more to "support this person."

"But more importantly, the child and family pay a much higher cost in terms of their quality of life and independence."

He cited another example of a child with moderate speech problems who now has problems playing with other children because they don't understand him. With speech therapy every two weeks the problem will be solved in a couple of months.

"But budget restrictions and the long waiting lists have forced the Centre to cut back this child's treatment to a few weeks in a group. His progress will be much slower at this critical age just as he starts school."

Mr. Ogden says Five Counties reflects the provincial shortfall.

"The Centre needs \$840,000 in base funding to provide services for disabled children and their families -

- services that have a reasonable waiting time and where our clinical staff can provide effective intensity so children can progress.

"We require annual funding increases from the province like other hospitals receive (and) these need to mirror increases in the cost of living so the Centre doesn't slip behind again like it did for 10 years."

This year, because of a second straight year of funding cuts, Five Counties has had to cut three staff positions and ask other staff to take unpaid leave to balance its budget.

"That reduces the intensity of services we provide and further lengthens an already very long time for children to wait for Centre services."

Mr. Ogden says the waiting list at Five Counties now averages nine months and two years for some services. There are 325 children on the waiting list for speech and language therapy.

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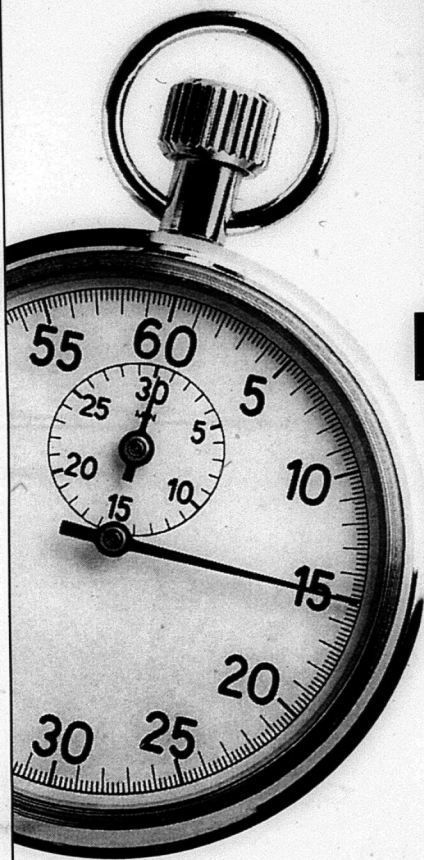
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Funding for Project—Community Living Campbellford/Brighton and the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation launched the "Bringing Community Together" project on July 21st. The two groups are co-sponsoring a Community Volunteer Coordinator position as part of the six-month project. The Foundation recently turned over a grant as funding for the project. From left: Foundation Grants chair Art Linton, Grants Committee member Trish Baird, Community Living Executive Director Chris Grayson, Community Living Executive Assistant Rose Spencer, and Don Pearson, a member of the Foundation executive.

Letter to the Editor

This hiker can appreciate suspension bridge dream

Every once in a while I read or hear stories about the suspension bridge at the Ranney Gorge in Campbellford and most of them are negative. When I look at both positions, I can understand those who don't hike or walk would see any use in the bridge.

I was like them once. For a year now I've been hiking the trails of Ferris Park and things have changed. I now see it as tremendous gain for those who hike and walk whether you're a local resident or are from out of town.

There are a lot of hikers that will travel and visit places while they go hiking, creating dollars spent in the town they visit. I believe people call that tourism. I believe most visi-

tors would be entering the trail system via Ferris Park, which would increase revenues for the park.

Usually when you drive along Trent Drive beside the Rotary Trail you always see walkers. These people would then have their options opened up with the bridge, allowing them to connect to the Ferris system. The people who hike would be attracted to the bridge to say that they had crossed it. This I believe would make it an attraction. The promotion of the trail system at outdoor shows and other events would only help increase the number of people being brought in from out of town.

In the area we presently have three trail systems. Seymour Conservation Area, Ferris Park and the Rotary Trail

around the canal are all right here in town. By linking the Rotary Trail with Ferris Park, then connecting to the Seymour Conservation area makes for a massive trail system.

Total combined distance of these trails would be approximately 20 kms which covers a large area. The Rotary Trail and Seymour being five kms each, Ferris Park has over five kms of nature trails and also has several internal road ways that can be hiked. The trails offer hikers everything from deep into woods feeling to being able to watch the boats travel through town. The view of the stars on a cold crisp night in Ferris, away from the town lights shining in the sky, is great. The numbers can overwhelm you.

I know personally of people that have driven to Campbellford to see the suspension bridge and cross it only to discover it wasn't finished and their two-hour drive was fruitless. It seems red tape is slowing this project down but I'm not blaming anyone, but the whole thing is disappointing and puts a bad image on the whole project. Getting it finished will only help clear that up.

Al Graham
Campbellford, Ont.

Medical staff urges need for indoor fitness facility

Campbellford—The medical staff at Campbellford Memorial Hospital's purpose fitness facility would address some of the short-term and long-term concerns they see that should be addressed in Trent Hills.

The input came in the form of a letter which was tabled by the Arena and Advisory Committee recently and will be forwarded to consultants preparing a Needs Study.

"Health care is vital to maintaining growth and vitality in a community pointed out. "Campbellford, unlike regions of equivalent population, is fortunate to have a community hospital."

It went on to propose a multi-purpose facility that could combine a number of functions under one roof such as an indoor pool, aerobic and weight-lifting equipment, indoor running/walking track as well as conference rooms for local clubs and organizations.

Physicians said many patients they treat suffer from chronic health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, emphysema and asthma. A facility of the type could actually be cost effective to the health care system in general, it was noted that a research team calculates that increasing the activity level by 10 per cent could save \$150 million in short-term health costs.

Trail Inaccessible

The CMH physicians said: "The Rotary Trail attracts a loyal group of walkers and cyclists. However, it is inaccessible for months of the year by snow. A new pedestrian bridge would also be affected by these conditions as well as the pool."

The point made is that a daily exercise program is stalled for a major part of the year because of weather conditions and the nearest indoor aquatic centres are kms away in Belleville and Peterborough. Underlining the value of an indoor medical staff said "it would provide swimming classes for school children, an aquatic club, as well as allowing adults and seniors the benefit of low impact aerobics and aquatic therapy for patients suffering from arthritis."

Council endorses new soccer league

By Rolly Ethier

Another amalgamation is happening in Trent Hills.

Plans are moving forward to link two minor soccer organizations in Warkworth

and Campbellford/Seymour under the wing of the new Trent Hills Soccer Association.

Michelle Cross announced the proposed group

formation at a meeting Monday night. The proposal was received a strong support for the Trent Hills Soccer Association.

The proposal was back to the Arena Committee to be approved for arrangements and a way for a full activity in 2004.

"It's a great commend the involvement of taking said Mayor McCleary. "The free up staff in things in recreation."

Warkworth is creating minor soccer independently in a while Campbellford minor soccer has organized under the Recreation Commission.

Although not in the market set Cross said it would be welcome if they so desired years.

Campbellford plans rousing Octoberfest

With live music, a beer tent and a local Idol competition, downtown Campbellford will salute Octoberfest with a rousing celebration Saturday, Oct. 4th.

The schedule of events will get under way at 9 a.m. with sidewalk sales, children's activities and scarecrow contest food vendors.

Cloggers, the Donegal Fiddlers and songstress Emily Fennell will be on hand to sing children's music from 12 to 1 p.m. Pat Kelleher and Donny McIlmoyle perform from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Also planned is a Waitress and Waiter Obstacle Course competition. In addition to the beer garden which will be open all day, an ethnic food court will be available.

A street dance will wind up festivities starting at 6 p.m.

Those interested in taking part in the Campbellford Idol contest in both the junior division up to 15 years of age or the senior division for those 16 years and older are asked to contact Shari Hutchinson of the BIA at 653-1551 or 888-653-1556.

There'll be five finalists in each of the two Campbellford Idol categories and each will get an opportunity to perform for top honours in the downtown program from 1 to 3 p.m.

Those scheduled to perform include the Quinte

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Tuesday Club 55 Plus Team standings—Underdogs, 14 points; Pick 5, 13; Sexy Seniors, 13.

High Averages—Robert Sutherland, 201; Allan Runciman, 188; John Hutley, 183; Marlene Harris, 186; Darryl Barth, 168; Lorna Crockett, 160.

(Sept. 23)

High Singles Flat—Robert Sutherland, 275; Allan Runciman, 274; Gord Mead, 251; Joan Turner, 276; Marlene Harris, 232; Darryl Barth, 229.

High Singles With Handicap—Allan Runciman, 318; Robert Sutherland, 308; Gord Mead, 297; Joan Turner, 338; Anne Dillon, 291; Darryl Barth, 279; Lorna Crockett, 271; Marie Sutherland, 266.

High Triples Flat—Robert Sutherland, 734; Allan Runciman, 697; Gord Mead,

585; Marlene Harris, 611; Joan Turner, 594; Lorna Crockett, 540.

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It was a sell-out crowd that attended the 2nd annual Marmora Country Jamboree, Sept. 12, 13 and 14, at the fairgrounds. Over 300 campers were on site for the weekend. Saturday & Sunday the Curling Club served buffet breakfasts. Question: what happened to Mama Bear, Papa Bear and Little Bear? Guess they'd gone to the snack bar!



A snowball fight? Yep, using the ice shavings at the back of the arena, Randi Ballingall, 11 and her friend Katy Abram, 11 were entertaining themselves. Randi is one of the Klick 'n Tyme Cloggers from Port Perry. A total of seven trailers came up for the Jamboree, arriving Thursday night and staying over until Sunday. The group has performed in eight summer festivals this year.

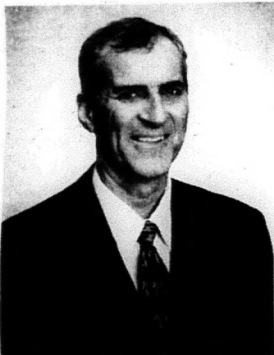
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Norma Glover of Brooklin, left, and Betty Lynch of Oshawa, brought the comforts of home with them, including a plastic Japanese leaf tree and a bowl of wax bananas. Norma bought an "old" mobile home and then had it painted with a Northern Lights scene.



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Fall bulbs

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Christmas, noted Purves. An old favourite is the Paperwhite narcissus, which will bloom in four to six weeks if grouped close together on a layer of gravel or pebbles in a bowl, with the roots in water.

In other business, discussion focused on a proposal to place large stones or plaques at the Stirling covered bridge and library, to identify the gardens as planted and maintained by the society. The initial quotation was thought to be excessive. A committee was appointed to bring other options to the October meeting.

President Barb Jones outlined the agenda for a Fall Wine and Colour Tour of Prince Edward County on Wednesday, October 8. Participants will meet at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stirling, at 9:30 a.m., and travel by car pool to the Waupoos Estates Winery for lunch. Later they will visit the nearby County Cider Co. Tours and tastings will be available at both locations.

A special thanks was extended to Joan and Monte Moorcroft for beautifying the flower beds at the Stirling Library, the library windows, and for painting the iron fixtures on the adjacent sidewalk.

Following the meeting,



Madoc Lawn Bowling Club's season comes to an end with its last Open Tournament on September 14. This was a singles Cut Throat Tournament and is the only one of its kind played in District 15. Players came from Roselawn (Hamilton), Cobourg, Campbellford, Kingston, Belleville, Madoc and Kenron. The winners pictured right to left are Peter Nayler 4th, Dave Routley 3rd, Bev Campbell 2nd and Jim McLaughlin the winner of the day.

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members and visitors enjoyed refreshments provided by Vicki Bateman, Gail and John MacSteven, Ida Brown and Paula Hiebert.

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By Mary Lou Dumka
John-Henry Westen is the official candidate for the Family Coalition Party in the Hastings, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington riding.

Mr. Westen holds a BA and MA and is editor of the LifeSiteNews.com a daily production of Canada's pro-life and pro-family newspaper, *The Interim*. From 1996-1999 he was an instructor at Clarke College in Bancroft teaching Canadian Government and Politics and Canadian Social Policy.

John-Henry has served as president and coordinator for the North Hastings Crisis Pregnancy Centre and Campaign Life Coalition, North Hastings. He has worked as

an education consultant and high school teacher at a private school in the area. He represented the Family Coalition Party in the 1995 and 1999 provincial elections. John-Henry and his wife Dianne recently moved to Combermere with their five children.

According to their web site the Family Coalition Party **Statement of Principles** the party "adheres to principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law." They believe that all human beings have three fundamental human rights, "the right to life, the right to freedom and the right to own property".

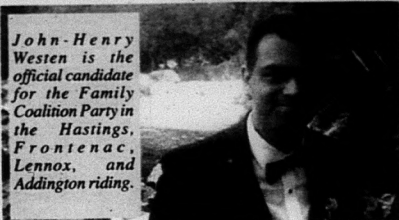
Health care, education.

agriculture and the environment were issues that were touched on during a telephone interview last week. However, John-Henry was the first to admit that the Family Coalition Party's main concern is the preservation of the traditional families, pro-life and euthanasia. "The focus of my campaign is marriage, the right to life of the unborn, and elderly, rather than other issues", Said Westen.

Mr. Westen believes "The deterioration of the traditional family and their values, have been responsible for the decline of past, great civilizations, such as Ancient Rome and Greece. Often during the conversation he returned to this theme.

The family coalition would, if elected, eliminate government funding for abortion, euthanasia and sex change operations and issue the "Notwithstanding Clause" on same sex marriages. When asked if his party would take over the responsibility of paying the high cost childless couples facing using fertility clinics, Mr. Westen said "that there were natural methods for conceiving that are not considered by fertility clinics, and adoption would be made far easier".

Health care would be totally restructured. Under the Family Coalition's health plan each adult in Ontario would



receive a medical account of \$2,000 per year. Children would receive \$1,000 each year. Any money left over would be deposited into the person's Registered Retirement Savings Plan for use after they turn 65 years of age. Mr. Westen said "There would always be funding for those individuals who require medical services and rather than acting as a reward for being healthy it was designed to work as a deterrent for the over use of the health care system".

ers' strikes. Parents would have the right to take a more active part in their children's education. "Each school aged child would receive a tuition they could transfer to the school of their choice," Westen explains. "The tuition would be calculated by dividing the amount of the budget for education by the number of children." He maintains that taking these steps would solve the problems of our *small* underfunded rural schools.

For more information on the Family Coalition Party you can visit their web site or John-Henry Westen's Campaign web site at www.johnwesten.blogspot.com. Phone/Fax 1-866-787-9947.

Moving on to education, John-Henry described an education system that would eradicate the need for teach-

On the 20th of September 2003 at approximately 8:30 AM it was reported that 5 mailboxes had been damaged on the Jarvis Lake Road in the Madoc Township.

The damage had occurred in the overnight hours on the 19th of September.

Four male youth between the ages of 13 and 17 years old, all from the Madoc area were found to be responsible for the damage. All four youths will be making restitution and apologizing to the victims for the damage caused.

On the 22nd of September 2003 at approximately 8:30 PM, Central Hastings officers attended a Madoc residence where a domestic disturbance was ongoing.

As a result of the investigation a 42-year-old female was charged with assault. It was alleged that she pushed her husband.

She was released from custody, and is to appear in Belleville Court next month. The name of the accused is not being released, as it would identify the victim.

On Sun. Sept. 07/03 Hastings Legion Br. 106 hosted the Pauline Brooks Memorial euchre with only 8 tables. The big winners of the day with 7 wins and 18 points were Irene Sherwin and Tressa Glenn. Second place went to Mel and Marilyn Lott with 7 wins and 10 points. Third went to Eric and Jessie Helyer. The next memorial euchre will be Sun. Oct. 05/03.

Peacefully after a long illness on Wednesday September 17, 2003 at QHC - Belleville General Hospital. Rene Reitav, of RR83 Stirling (formerly of Madoc) at the age of 51 years. Beloved husband and soulmate of Cathy Reitav. Survived by Loving Daughter, Erin (Cathrah) and step father for Donna Sutton (David), Lori Postma and Rob Postma. Loved son of Valletin & Gertrud (Trudy) Reitav. Dear brother to Marie Barnes, Vern Pilder (Sharon), Ene Reid (Emmie) and Loving friends by Anthea Reitav, Shane Mummy & Megan, Tori, Carley, Emily & Hanna and several nieces & nephews. The family received friends at the Weaver Family Funeral Home - East Chapel, 29 Bay St., Trenton on Friday, September 19, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Burial on Saturday September 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Rev Jim McShane officiated. Internment O'Hara's Cemetery, Madoc, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Cancer Society or Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. Online Guest Book & Condolences at www.weaverfuneralhomes.com

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